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OHIO ENDEAVORERS DISCUSS TEEN-AGE PROBLEMS AT CONFERENCE

LANDS OF COLOR AND CONTRAST

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff

Christian Endeavor is a potent force in Mexico and Guatemala. Christian Endeavor is colorful in those countries. Christian Endeavor is hospitable there. And you have an opportunity to enjoy it in 1965.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor, in connection with the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention scheduled for Dallas, Texas, July 6-10, will sponsor another of its justly famous and attractive International Fellowship Tours in 1965. The tour will begin with arrival at the beautiful Statler Hilton Hotel in downtown Dallas on Tuesday, July 6. Tuesday through Saturday night the tour party will share with other delegates to the International Convention.

On Sunday, July 11, with fresh memories of great experiences, the tour party will depart for Guatemala, Yucatan, and Mexico, lands of color and contrast. This exciting tour includes the most beautiful and thrilling sights of the ancient Mayan country of Guatemala, the important Mayan ruins of Yucatan, the beauties and wonders of Mexico City and its environs, with a climax at the beautiful Island of Cozumel, just a few miles off the Yucatan Peninsula in the Caribbean.

This is another all-expense, personally-conducted tour operated by the Travel Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Harold E. Westerhoff, tour director, will be with the party throughout the tour. This will be more than a vacation. It will be a people-to-people experience, for the tour party will have ample and frequent opportunities to meet with Christian Endeavorers all along the route.

In addition to seeing the famous capital city of Mexico, there will be motor trips to outlying places, including the famous Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon.

The trip to fascinating Guatemala will include the city, a motor trip to Chichicastenango with its famous market; Lake Atitlan, one of the world's most beautiful lakes, located nearly a mile high and in a triangle of volcanoes, including a motor launch trip to the ancient Indian village of Santiago. There is also the enchanting city of Antigua.

Yucatan is an experience in itself, with its temples, shrines, palaces, ancient cities, archaeological wonders. Our center of activity will be Merida, with trips to Chichen Itza and Uzmal.

The Island of Cozumel, straight out of the 16th century, is little known and still a gem of the Caribbean. It is off the standard tourist track and is not overrun with the general "mob" of tourists. This will be a relaxing and fascinating climax to the tour, including a Robinson Crusoe Picnic on the beach, with an intriguing boat trip. The tour will conclude when the party arrives in New Orleans on Sunday afternoon, July 25.

And all of this is available for $810. A deposit of $200 will secure a place for you in the tour party. You will want to act now to insure a place in what promises to be one of the most romantic and glamorous and inspiring tours ever conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Coming Events

December

3-6—Executives' Program Council, Columbus, Ohio
Contact: International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216

January

31-February 7—Christian Endeavor Week 1965
Contact: International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216

February

13—Pacific Regional Conference, Portland, Oregon
Contact: Mrs. Etta V. Berger, 5550 N.W. 185th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97229

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Youth discussing problems with James V. Waddell (center), president of the Ohio Union, at the Hidden Hollow Conference are (from left), front—Larry Smith and Pam Seitz; back—Dana Knapp, Larry Herbert, and Randy Circle.

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GREAT LAKES Endeavorers met October 3-4 at the Winona Hotel, Winona Lake, Indiana. Theme was "The Beginning of Wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). Features included "Tell Me about It" sharing conferences; "brag time" at meals for each of the five state unions; a "last chance" talk by Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president; and Worldwide Communion in the Chapel by the Lake with Rev. Ray Zimmerman speaking. Scenes at the smorgasbord banquet include the crowd (above); Lee Mekkes of Michigan making a presentation (left above); and (left) Ohio and International Society leaders rendering a Dallas singing commercial, with Arch McQuilkin adding the "boom booms." Mrs. Roger D. Vander Kolk is regional vice-president.

LET'S GO TO A REGIONAL CONFERENCE

THE ASSEMBLY INN at Montreat, North Carolina, was the setting October 9-11 for the Southern Regional Conference. Pictured below are delegates at the song fest and fellowship hour led by David Beard of Alabama. As one of the presentations on current emphases, Alabama youth (right) promote the 1965 Citizenship Awards Program. Four presidents participating (lower right) are (from left) Ed Fitzsimmons, Alabama; Arch J. McQuilkin; B. J. Adams, North Carolina; and Joann Campbell, Virginia. The Quiet Hour message was given by Rev. Calvin Thielman, Montreat College chaplain. Missionary Ann Foster, Alabama Endeavorer, led the Christian Endeavor meeting, subject "Missions." Elsie Mae Sink is regional vice-president.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Photo by Alice Goodman

"LOOKING, LEARNING, LIVING" was the theme for Virginia's combined Leadership Conference and Board Meeting September 11-13 at Massanetta Springs. Present were (from left) Barbara Dority of Roanoke and Elizabeth M. McKnight, Stella Harper, and Alice Goodman of Richmond. A rainbow was used as the basis for various presentations. Joann Campbell is state union president.

● OVERSEAS LEADERS have prepared Christian Endeavor topic resources for Senior High-Young People's societies for January. These have been written by Endeavorers from India, Germany, Scotland, England, and Australia. Turn to pages 17-26.

THE ALABAMA 1964 King and Queen discuss mission work with the 1954 Queen, Ann Foster (right). Reigning royalty are Jacquelyn Barclay and S. C. "Skip" Moudry, Jr., both of Ensley Community Church. Miss Foster has served four years in the Congo under the Africa Inland Mission and is now studying that she may return to the field as a high school teacher.

● THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL PARTY sponsored by the Lehigh County Union was held October 23 at Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania. About 120 youth and adults enjoyed music provided by the Philadelphia "Hoot Group" and heard a message by Dick Van Dyke, a member of the group. Rev. Russell Rosser was MC for this event which followed two hotly-contested local football games.

ALABAMA'S president is Ed Fitzsimmons of Birmingham, who is an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company of America. With his wife, Frances, and their four children he is active in Wylam Presbyterian Church. He has served as chairman of the state lookout and church activities committees and as vice-president.

● CARL F. HERMANN, associated with International Society Headquarters since 1949, was named administrative assistant by the Executive Committee at its October meeting. He continues as publishing department manager.

RIGHT — "For Me To Live Is Christ" was the theme for the Ontario Convention in Fort Erie on Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, October 10-12. Opening the activities was a Christian witness parade which included this float (upper photo) prepared by Windmill Point Church of Christ (Disciples). Featured speaker at evening sessions in a local school (lower right) was Rev. Harold Lyman of Union City, Pennsylvania. At a service at historic St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Rev. Fred Saas told of Christian Endeavor work in South Africa. Daytime sessions and the Monday Thanksgiving dinner and closing service were held at Garrison Road United Brethren Church. Florence Zimmerman was re-elected president.

JOHN C. THUSS of Philadelphia will head the Pennsylvania Union 1964-66. He is a salesman for Robert Nash, Inc., of Elkins Park. With his wife, Elizabeth, he is active in First Presbyterian Church of Olney, where he teaches a married couples class. He has served as president of Old York Road Branch and the Philadelphia Union.

● PONAPE ENDEAVORERS in the Caroline Islands held a two-day rally September 19-20, according to Harold F. Hanlin, field secretary of the Micronesia Mission. At these annual rallies each fall a similar service is held in each church. The program includes singing, a prayer service, and morning worship led by Christian Endeavorers. Missionary Robert Simon and two Ponapeans participated in the 4th Pacific Area Conference of the World's Union in Honolulu this summer.

Photo by Oliver Benner

Photo by Alice Oswald

HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1964 Society Roll Call. Organizations listed below contributed from June 1 through October 31. Those receiving gold seals have contributed $50 or more; blue seals represent a gift of $15.

Gold Seal

Philadelphia Longtimers Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Blue Seal

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Indiana
Fairview United Brethren Church, Hartford City, Indiana
Williston Church, Portland, Maine
Warrendale United Brethren Church, Detroit, Michigan
South Poplar Bluff General Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Senior, First Presbyterian Church, Clifton, New Jersey
Young People's, Woodcliff Community Reformed Church, North Bergen, New Jersey
Senior High, Brighton Reformed Church, Rochester, New York
Keystone League, Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Owensdale Evangelical United Brethren Church, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Adult, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, Pennsylvania
Young People's, Leacock United Presbyterian Church, Ronks, Pennsylvania
Senior, East Greene Presbyterian Church, Waterford, Pennsylvania
Tuscarora Community, Martinsburg, West Virginia

"MY ALL FOR CHRIST"

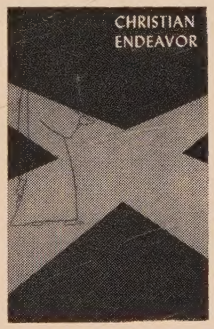
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK

January 31 - February 7, 1965

Christian Endeavorers of North America will mark February 2, the 84th birthday of the movement, by a whole WEEK of activities.

A well-planned observance provides a full week of events geared to help youth become better acquainted with themselves, their church, their faith, and their role in the church today.

To help societies and unions plan a well-rounded birthday week, the International Society has prepared a Christian Endeavor Week Packet, full of helpful items.



These new bulletin covers, attractively printed in red and brown, are excellent for church bulletins, union programs, and other special events. Furnished flat, they fold to 8½" x 5½" and sell for $2.00 a hundred, $8.00 for 500.

The Manual for the 1965 celebration has been written by Genevieve M. Bartholomew, India superintendent for the Pennsylvania Union.

Author of the radio program, which points up the history and work of Christian Endeavor, is Mrs. Wesley H. Brown, Baptist missionary to the Congo who has recently returned to her home state of California.

Ralph E. Robrahn of Michigan, associate president of the International Society, has prepared the television program on the theme for the week, while plans for a *Hidden Treasure Party* have been worked out by W. Bruce McLeran, recreation specialist from Denver, Colorado.

All of these materials plus a sample of the new bulletin cover, a copy of the folder *Life's Greatest Decisions,* and a number of other items are included in the packet, which is available for 50c from headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

"My All for Christ," theme for the week, is also the topic for Sunday, January 31. Topic comments for Junior Highs may be found in this issue on pages 15-16, with materials for Senior High-Young People's groups on pages 25-26.

Are you ready for Christian Endeavor Week 1965? Now is the time to plan for a meaningful week of events. Make it "Operation Youth."

A Citizenship Witness Can Win Awards

INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES: Worthwhile awards may be yours for a Christian citizenship witness in your community entered in the 1965 Citizenship Awards Program!

Individuals may enter an article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or cartoon, while groups will report on citizenship projects.

Topping the awards, which total $1,375 in cash plus award emblems, plaques, and certificates, is $125 to the individual winner with a grant to a maximum of $100 for expenses of attending the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 6-10, 1965, in Dallas, Texas, and $150 in cash to the winning society, plus a grant up to $150 for sending youth representatives to Dallas. Second and third place awards for both individuals and societies include grants for convention expenses.

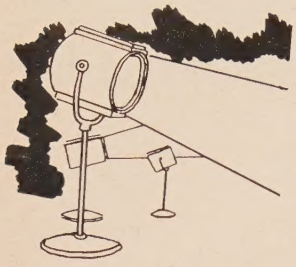
Award recipients often receive more than cash! Widespread recognition awaits the winning entries and projects, plus the opportunity to make a real impact in the local community for Christian citizenship.

The Awards Program is open to all youth in the United States and Canada under 25 years of age and to all Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups which have a majority of members under 25 years old.

Individual entries must be used as a Christian witness in the community while societies must sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity. The contest period began June 1, 1964. Deadline for entries is February 15, 1965. All entries will be evaluated on the manner in which they implement the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and provide a Christian witness in the community.

A folder giving complete details may be secured by writing to the International Society.

ONE OF SIX SPEAKERS on the dangers of Communism at a citizenship banquet last year at Paul's Union Church, LaMarque, Texas, was Ricky Wallace. For this project the Senior High Society won $25 as a runner-up in the 1964 Citizenship Awards Program.



SPOTLIGHTING: The Social Committee

by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

So the spotlight is turned on YOU, the Social Committee, for this month's feature in your Christian Endeavor program!

Spotlights emphasize importance — and your Social or Recreation Committee is important for developing the Christian Endeavor principle of fellowship with Christ's people and for creating a desire among other youth to join you in fun and worship. Christian recreation can stand the spotlight's revealing glare, for it is wholesome, creative, and turned Christward. You, the Social Committee, have this responsibility and this challenging opportunity. *(Your continuing responsibility, at all meetings, is to introduce young people to each other and to help them become acquainted.)*

Who Are You ?

Let's determine who are on the Social Committee: the chairman, of course; your society president, ex officio (by virtue of office); your adult counselor and/or pastor; four or five society members, if possible. It may be necessary to use young people who are also on other committees; just be sure that *everyone* has one job before *anyone* has two jobs.

The chairman presides at the committee meetings. Another person should be appointed as secretary to keep a record for reports to the society planning conference or other business meetings, for follow-up on plans, and for future committee reference.

As one of the functioning committees of your society, the Social Committee should make suggestions to your society for social times and activities. Before you make suggestions for society socials, ask these questions for committee consideration:

Whom can we plan on?

What places are available for parties, or picnics, or socials, or hay rides, or sliding parties, etc.?

Is there some unusual place, or celebration, or event that we can capitalize on for a special party?

How shall we pay for it?

What does nearly everyone like to do?

What else would they like, if they'd try it?

After decisions are made by the society, your committee will be assigned specific duties to help further the plans made at the society business meetings.

These plans for recreation could have many forms: a few minutes' break during a conference or a business meeting, the recreational portion of the total program of a camp or conference, or a complete event planned and executed by the Social Committee.

You Make the Breaks

To be prepared for the unexpected times you'll be called on for a break for relaxation, start a collection of ideas such as action songs to familiar tunes and stand-in-place exercises. Such a file *(include other ideas such as stunts also)* can be kept in large punched envelopes in a loose-leaf notebook or a scrapbook.

Recreation in a conference or camp experience is a part of the total program; watch timing so it doesn't interfere with classes and other meetings or activities. Actually, recreation is versatile enough for padding to use extra time for fellowship, or it can be shortened when other activities run overtime. As you plan recreation, be aware of the activities before and after the periods of recreation to keep a continuity of purpose in the program—and to prevent frenzied changes from dress to casual clothing, or vice versa.

Again, when recreation is part of a larger activity, be certain of the purpose of the total program and the part recreation is to have in achieving that purpose.

After a business meeting, perhaps you'll want to play a few games for fellowship and relaxation. Don't overlook table games for conversation and companionship—some people in your congregation may have some to give to your society for a game library. Other suggestions for short-time recreation are quizzes, relays, and equipment games such as shuffleboard and table tennis.

And Set Up the Socials

An activity planned completely by the Social Committee,—as a picnic, theme party, skating party, sliding party—may be handled most effectively by having the committee make general plans, dividing the responsibility for detailed planning (unless it works out better to do all the planning together, for that is much of the fun), and then coordinating these plans before working on them. Clear dates with other activities in your church, and also consider the school calendar for possible duplications.

Separate responsibilities for individuals or subcommittees can include the following:

PROMOTION—Prepare personal invitations, posters, flyers, announcements.

DECORATIONS—Plan to use what you have when possible, with imagination (and *un*decorate, too!)

GAMES or other participation, the main body of the party—Keep everyone involved; have properties ready for each game; stop each game while participants are still enjoying it; plan for smooth transition from one game to another.

REFRESHMENTS—Try for simple food, so this committee can join the fun (refreshments need clean-up, too!)

DEVOTIONS, always—Harmonize them with the social for a brief, inspiring climax.

Talk over the plans together; you'll probably find that one idea leads to another. For example, having each guest bring something (such as an article he wants to start the New Year without, at a New Year's party) can be used for promotion, decorations, and games.

Your committee should keep a record of socials. You'll want to report at your next business meeting, and the information you gather through your experience will be useful to you or to the next committee.

You'll have a wonderful time making plans for other young people to enjoy the peculiar fellowship known only among Christians, and you, too, will enjoy working in fellowship for Christ and His Church.

Extra copies of the following subjects which have appeared in past issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD are available at 15c each to cover postage and handling:

Committee Responsibilities
Officer Responsibilities
The Consecration Meeting
Audio-Visuals in Your Society
Planning Devotional Services
Evangelism Project
Spotlighting: The Devotional Committee
The Society Business Meeting
A Planning Conference
Publicity Plans
Youth and Smoking
An Installation Service
How to Use THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD
Varieties of Topic Presentation

Orders, accompanied with remittance, should be sent to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Who Is He?

(Confession of Christ)

Romans 10:9,10

Who Am I?

This is a game that you have probably played or might like to play in your society. It can be a great deal of fun and also test your knowledge of the Bible at the same time. Someone pins on the back of each person present the name of a Bible character. The person does not know whom he represents, but by asking skillful questions of others present he begins to identify himself. (For example: *Am I in the New Testament? Am I a man? Did I follow Jesus? Am I a disciple? Was I a tax collector?)* Before long answers to these questions have helped each one to answer his own question "Who am I?"

Jesus asked His disciples that question one day when He came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi. He knew who He was, but He wanted to know whether others knew. So He asked His disciples, "Who do men say that I the Son of man am?" (Matthew 16:13). His disciples answered, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." Then Jesus asked the really important question, the one He is still asking each one of us personally today, But who say ye that I am?" And Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus was pleased with the answer, because He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Word Pictures

Throughout the New Testament there are many pictures of Jesus. Some of these were painted in words by the people who came in contact with Christ's wonderful being. Some were magnificently drawn by the miracles He performed. Some were beautifully etched by the love, understanding, and mercy He showed toward the people He met. In the Gospel of John, Christ described Himself so that there can be no doubt in the minds and hearts of those who read as to who Christ is.

I am the bread of life (John 6:35).

Bread has often been called the staff of life because it is basic to our very existence. Every nation, every culture has some kind of bread whether it be white or black, soft or hard, round or square or flat, in a loaf or in cakes. Bread is necessary to life, and Christ said He is necessary to life. We can't exist without Him. And one of the wonderful miracles is that unlike physical bread which we need to eat over and over again in order to live, once we have accepted Christ we shall spiritually never hunger again.

I am the light of the world (John 8:12).

How dependent we are upon light! We need the light of day to help us see as we go about our daily tasks. We need the light of the sun to warm the earth and cause the plants to grow. Ever since the beginning of time man has looked for and found ways of piercing the darkness of night with light: fires, oil lamps, candles, and finally the wonderful discovery by Thomas Edison of the incandescent light. But with all the real and manufactured light which we have today, people are still walking in spiritual darkness. Jesus, however, holds out to each of us a wonderful promise: "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

I am the door (John 10:9).

In order to get in and out of places, a door is essential. Even with the modern office buildings which are being erected today without a window in the place because the building is completely artificially lighted and air-conditioned, there still has to be a door. Bomb shelters have no windows, but there is a door. Christ said that He is essential to a person's entering into eternal life. There is no other way to be saved from sin and for eternity but through Christ.

I am the good shepherd (John 10:11).

The people to whom Jesus was speaking lived in a country where sheep raising was one of the main occupations. Millions of sheep grazed on the dry, stony, rocky, barren countryside of Palestine. The people were well aware of the dangers the sheep faced as they roamed the area searching for food to nibble. Thieves and robbers frequently came to steal and kill the sheep. Wolves prowled around looking for a sheep to catch for dinner. Sheep might fall or get lost in the rocky terrain.

A man who was hired to look after the sheep and to whom they did not belong might not be concerned when danger approached the sheep. They were not his sheep, and because he didn't care for them he might flee in the face of danger.

But the good shepherd who loved his sheep would not flee. He would give even his life for them. Jesus is the good shepherd, and it is for us, His sheep, that He was willing to lay down His life at the cross of Calvary.

I am the resurrection, and the life (John 11:25).

One of the great promises of the Christian life is eternal life. For the Christian there is no death but life everlasting. This has been made possible only through the shed blood of Christ on Calvary. There, because He bore our sins, we were cleansed and made whole. And as Christ was to be resurrected from the dead to dwell forever with God the Father, so He said, "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". Then Christ said, "Believeth thou this?" Do you?

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I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

In a world today that is so confused that it doesn't know which way to turn and which way to go, has anyone thought of Christ? How many of our national and international problems could be settled if Christ were recognized as the way! We need to pray sincerely that Christ might become the Way for the world. In a world today in which one cannot trust what people say and promises change from day to day, has anyone thought of turning to Christ who is the Truth personified? Christ cannot lie. In a world seeking life we must trust Him for direction for life, for He is the life and said, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

I am the true vine (John 15:1).

Just as the branches are dependent upon the vine for life, so are we dependent upon Christ for life. Last summer one branch of a tomato vine which had three lovely green tomatoes on it snapped off from the main stem of the plant. In short order the three tomatoes withered because they were no longer attached to the life-giving vine. So we, as Christians, can bear no spiritual fruit unless we are firmly attached to Christ, the true vine. As Jesus said, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Who Is He?

Christ is the bread of life, the light of the world, the door, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the way, the truth and the life, the true vine, the Son of the living God. But all these are just words unless we believe them. Do YOU believe them? To decide for the Lord Jesus Christ and to accept Him as personal Saviour opens to all the wonderful promises which Christ so freely offers to those who believe on Him.

Next Steps

Once you have decided who Jesus is, have believed His promises, and have accepted Him as your Saviour, then you must confess Him to others. That means you must tell others who Christ is, what He has done for you, and what He means to your life.

You can't have a wonderful experience, some thrilling news, an exciting adventure without wanting to tell everyone about it. Young Christian, when you accepted Christ as Saviour, you joined the winning team. There's no question but that Christ will always be the victor, and so you must let others know about Him!

This is the first of four great principles upon which the movement of Christian Endeavor was built: *Confession of Christ.* Paul said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." So we must not be ashamed of Christ. Confession of Christ is basic to whatever else a Christian Endeavorer does. You confess Him by what you say and how you live. Everyone should know that you are different because you have accepted Him and His way of life. Truly Christian Endeavor has grown and Christian Endeavorers have grown during the 84 years of its history because young people have first of all accepted Christ and then spread the good news to others.

But there is a second step or principle which we will talk about next week. Come ready to discuss how a young Christian can put his Christian beliefs to work. *(Ask that each member be ready to make a suggestion.)*

Meeting Ideas

1. At your final December meeting suggest that for the next meeting it might be interesting to find all the descriptive phrases in the New Testament which tell who the Baby whose birth we celebrated at Christmas really is.

2. Assign to seven people the seven great "I ams" by which Jesus described Himself. Have each one speak about one of these for two minutes.

3. For the meeting, place an attractive picture of Christ in the center of your workshop corner, table, or desk with the question *WHO IS HE?* under it.

4. Arrange to have a chalkboard ready so that someone can write down all the phrases in the New Testament which your young people have found which describe Christ. List with the Scripture reference. An example is "meek and lowly" (Matthew 11:29).

5. Select hymns which tell about Jesus (as *Jesus Calls Us; Jesus Saves; Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee;* and *Since Jesus Came into My Heart).*

6. Have a pre-prayer circle before the meeting for about five minutes with those who are participating in the meeting. Pray that the meeting will be one in which young people will come to know Christ and know Him better.

7. This is an appropriate meeting at which to extend the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour if some have not already done so. This must be handled very prayerfully and sincerely so that the importance of such a decision is meaningful to everyone.

8. If this is done, invite your pastor or some officer of the church who understands young people to your meeting so that he may counsel with any young person about the decision he or she may have made.

9. Confessing Christ and witnessing for Him may be a new experience for some of your young people. They may not know what to do in order to witness. Each new opportunity requires preparation, training, and prayer. When Paul was converted on the road to Damascus, he spent time in the wilderness preparing himself, through communion with God, for becoming one of the greatest evangelists the world has ever known. Young people need to pray and prepare themselves too. Floundering around in witnessing and quoting God's Word inaccurately doesn't help our testimony for Christ. An outgrowth of this meeting might be several sessions with your pastor or some other church leader to give young people some help in how to witness.

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When Lloyd C. Douglas was asked why he wrote his book *The Robe,* which is a story woven around the life of Christ, he said he wrote it because he was never satisfied with the Apostle's Creed that skipped from the birth of Jesus to His death, with nothing between but a comma—". . . born of the Virgin Mary (comma) suffered under Pontius Pilate." Douglas said he wanted people to know what happened in the comma. That comma is the most powerful parenthesis in history.

J. Wallace Hamilton in
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Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 28 The Word Made Flesh John 1:1-14
T. Dec. 29 My Beloved Son Matthew 3:13-17
W. Dec. 30 Never Man Spake Like This John 7:33-53
T. Dec. 31 Whom Say Ye That I Am? Matthew 16:13-17
F. Jan. 1 No Other Way John 14:1-14
S. Jan. 2 Thou Hast Sent Me John 17:11-26
Sun. Jan. 3—Topic: Who Is He? Romans 10:9,10

Comments by Frances M. Becker, an active worker in Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor and assistant director of Child Care Centers of the Philadelphia Public Schools

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Principles

I Will Follow Him

(Service for Christ)

Mark 1:17-20; 2:14

The Second Principle

Last week the Christian Endeavor topic answered the question *Who Is He?* Unless we know who Christ is and we accept Him as a personal Saviour, the topic for tonight will have very little meaning. You see, as we recognize who Christ is and what He has done for us, there is a tremendous responsibility placed upon us to confess Him to others and witness for Him. Much of that witnessing will find expression in various forms of service. This is why following close on the heels of the first principle of Christian Endeavor *Confession of Christ* comes the second principle *Service for Christ.*

Can You Serve without Accepting Christ?

This is a searching question which you might like to discuss. Certainly, the world uses the word "service" very freely and frequently. There are service organizations, service clubs, service committees, service departments, service stations, telephone services, food services, hotel services, elevator services, the Armed Services, etc., all dedicated to the principle of being helpful to someone. Commendable as this principle might be, however, apart from the truth of God and the Spirit of God, it becomes meaningless, misunderstood, and subtly glorifies man instead of God. The question a follower of Christ should ask of himself as he seeks to serve is "Does this glorify God?" Then the person serves not for personal gain or fame but in order to witness for Christ.

Whom Are You Following?

Your answer to this question is of utmost importance. We are all inclined to be influenced by someone, and whoever that someone might be molds our lives and leads us to eternal life or destruction.

A newspaper article reported that four automobiles were found one morning at the bottom of a ravine in the California countryside. The one young survivor told this story. "It was a very foggy night. You couldn't see where you were going, so we just followed the taillights of the car in front of us. And the first car went off the road into a ravine." Drivers blindly following the taillights of the car ahead had taken their last ride.

Many people today are following spiritual road markers that lead to destruction. Those misleading directional signals say, "Love money! It alone can buy you happiness" . . . "Do anything to be popular. Popularity counts" . . . "One little drink never hurt anyone. You're a big boy now" . . . "Everyone's entitled to some sex experience before marriage. Just be careful" . . . "Just worry about yourself, not about anybody else" . . . "It's not wrong to do wrong, but it's wrong to get caught." How ridiculous and false!

Who gives this kind of advice for young people to follow? Simple! We hear and see it on television. We read it in advertisements. We find it in the lives of public figures, movie actors, politicians, and millionaires, whose deceitfulness, moral disintegration, and complete thought of self have been splashed across our newspapers. We read it in trashy stories or novels which people write for money and which corrupt the morals of those who read. We find it in well-meaning parents who are too tired or busy or afraid to give their children a set of standards, a code of behavior, or a personal example by which to live.

But God, through His Word, has given us a set of directions to follow which will always insure success, a code of behavior which will insure happiness and security, and a personal example in His Son Jesus Christ which leads toward eternal life.

Follow, I will follow Thee, my Lord,
Follow every passing day.
My tomorrows are all known to Thee;
Thou wilt lead me all the way.

Who Is Following You?

Had you ever thought about that? You could very easily be an example to someone in your group at church, in your school, in your neighborhood. What you do, what you say, the kind of language you use, how you get along with people, your standards of right and wrong—all these may influence someone who is watching you, who may be admiring you. This gives some people a sense of importance, a swelled head, a tendency to show off, but to the Christian young person what an opportunity to direct someone to Christ! What kind of example are you to someone else? With Christ's help, you quietly can be a positive force on the side of right. That takes courage, but who wants to be a weakling? Jesus said in Matthew 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Ingredients of Fruitful Service

If you accept Christ and would follow Him by serving Him and if you would be the kind of servant that is effective in His service, you must season your life with several ingredients.

First of all, through prayer, you must ask God to direct and guide your service so that it might be to God's glory. You can save a great deal of time and energy if you're doing what the Lord wants you to do, when and where He wants you to do it. Sometimes Christians do things without asking God's guidance and then they wonder why things didn't turn out right. Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive."

Secondly, you must serve with Christian love. If the job you're doing is just a chore and you'll be glad to get it

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over with, this is communicated to those around you and you're not serving very effectively. You may know a great deal about the Bible and you may be a good leader, program planner, or missionary chairman, but unless you serve with Christian love your service is mediocre. What does this mean? It means that you are patient and kind when you are serving God's children. You think of the other person first. You are not jealous or irritable. You do not gripe and do not insist on your own way. Just read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians in several translations, and you will be amazed at the specific directions we have from God for serving in Christian love.

In the third place, service demands some sort of personal sacrifice. It may mean that you will have to spend some time in planning, preparing, or doing a job which you would rather have spent in some other way. It may mean doing something which is uncomfortable or unpleasant for you when you'd rather be having a good time. If your service is truly to glorify God, then you must be willing to make some sacrifices. There are many young people in the world today who are making personal sacrifices for Christ far beyond those of time and effort. In East Germany and Communist China, some young people are sacrificing careers, family ties, and even their lives for Christ.

(You could ask your young people to mention other ingredients of fruitful service and discuss them at this time.)

Outcomes of Service

What are the benefits that come to a person as a result of Christian service? Sometimes the things that happen because of what you have done are plainly evident and gratifying. A program has worked out well; someone has been comforted; a missionary project has been most successful. Then you feel good, everyone feels encouraged, and the work goes forward positively.

Sometimes the results are not so evident. You receive no thanks. You wonder what impression for Christ has been made. You feel discouraged because you've tried so hard and yet things haven't apparently worked out. Then you have to remember that it's God who gives the fruit. Our only responsibility is to do His will and to trust in His outcome. Then there comes to His faithful servant a deeper, inner satisfaction in working for the glory of God. This is especially true when we read in Matthew 25:21, "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Service through Christian Endeavor

Back in 1881, when Dr. Francis E. Clark first thought of and prayed about the movement of Christian Endeavor, he saw service as one of its very important elements. When a young person has accepted and confessed Christ as Saviour, the door of his life is opened to tremendous opportunities for service. Christ, time and time again, encouraged His followers with words of action to serve Him. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). "Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). All these commands imply action, and who is more active than a young person?

Dr. Clark, therefore, saw young people learning to do by doing, learning to serve by serving in Christian Endeavor. Endeavoring to give as many young people this opportunity as possible, Christian Endeavor, first of all, has regular stated officers with certain responsibilities for the functioning of the society. Beside these, there are committees and committee chairmen, each with a job to be done for the Lord, for the church, for the society, and for the individual. What a hum of purposeful activity, what a buzz of excitement and interest you find in a Christian Endeavor society that is praying about, planning for, preparing for, cooperating in, and executing some venture, some activity for the glory of the Lord! When a society begins to lose that enthusiasm, it needs to look very carefully to see whom it is serving, Christ or self.

Meeting Ideas

1. At the front of your meeting room, you could have a sign saying, "A Christian Service Station." An open Bible could be the fuel pump, because it is God's Word which gives us the power to serve Him.

2. For Scripture reading, you could select and distribute ten verses found in God's Word which give you strength, direction, and a purpose in serving Him. (Examples are: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16) and "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

3. Last week you made an assignment. You suggested that your young people come tonight ready to discuss how a young Christian can put his Christian beliefs to work. Discuss this!

4. You might also make an inventory of what your society has done in the past year for the glory of God in the line of service. Jot these items on a chalkboard. Rate yourself as to how you, as a society, fulfilled your Christian service obligation during 1964.

5. This might be the time to use the folder which the International Society of Christian Endeavor distributes to encourage young people and societies to engage in some positive kind of service through a Christian citizenship project. Get your society to think in terms of what it could do in your local community. Then discuss your plans with your pastor so that you might profit by his experience and understanding. Remember the criterion is "Does it glorify the Lord?"

6. Select hymns which fit your theme of following Christ in service such as *Jesus Calls Us, In the Service of the King, For Christ and the Church,* and *Give of Your Best to the Master.*

7. Your young people might enjoy constructing an acrostic, using the word "service" and describing the finest kind of Christian service. Here is a start:

S—teeped in prayer
E—nthusiastic for witnessing
R—esponsible to Christ
V—
I—
C—
E—

8. No one serves in a vacuum, and most Christians serve through their churches. You might suggest that in looking forward to next week's topic, which centers around the third principle of Christian Endeavor, your young people might think about this question, "What is a young person's relationship to his church?"

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When Paul was in the ship enroute to Rome, he took possession of it. When Jesus lay asleep in the boat in Galilee, He awoke to take possession of it. As I learn all the possibilities of life, I shall take possession of the ships on which I ride. I shall not again ride in a ship and let circumstances rule me. God dwelling in me, I shall make circumstances do His full will.

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Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 4 What God Requires Deuteronomy 10:12-15
T. Jan. 5 Serve the Lord Psalm 2:1-12
W. Jan. 6 A Spectacle I Corinthians 4:9-16
T. Jan. 7 The Servant of All Mark 10:35-45
F. Jan. 8 Joy in Service Psalm 40:1-8
S. Jan. 9 Christ as a Servant Matthew 20:25-28
Sun. Jan. 10—Topic: I Will Follow Him Mark 1:17-20; 2:14

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Topic 3 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Principles

Why Do Young People Leave the Church?

(Loyalty to Christ's Church)

Ephesians 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:23-25

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn 14: *The Church's One Foundation*
Devotional Acrostic (see below)
Hymn 131: *I Would Be True*
Scripture Reading #5 *(Psalm 84)*
Prayer
Chorus: *For Christ and the Church*
Review Preceding Topics
Who Is He?
I Will Follow Him
Hymn 11: *Lead On, O King Eternal*
God's Word and the Topic
Questions for Society Discussion
Hymn 125: *In Christ There Is No East or West*
The Problem at Our Church
Closing Prayer

Devotional Acrostic

(Place the following on the chalkboard and ask seven young people to comment on each word)

How Should We Worship?

1. With a *W* illing heart
2. In an *O* rderly manner
3. At a *R* egular time
4. In a *S* incere way
5. With a *H* appy feeling
6. With an *I* nquiring mind
7. Having a *P* rayerful attitude

Advertising the Meeting

Prepare a poster with the following poem in large letters. You might substitute for each word "church" the picture of a church. Instead of the word "me" at the end paste a small mirror on the poster so that everyone may see himself as he reads the poster.

What kind of a church would my church be
If all of its members were just like me?

Place a large-sized question mark at the end to emphasize the fact that you are asking a question of the viewer. At the bottom of the poster, give the details of time, place, etc. of your meeting.

Make handbills for all of your age group in Sunday School. Include on these all the information about your meeting, plus the fact that you are going to talk about "dropouts." Since this is a popular subject so far as high school is concerned, it should invoke real interest.

Planning the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should consult with the leader of next week's meeting and the counselor of your society. The two weeks' topics tie in together, and if handled properly they could do much to benefit attendance and interest in your society.

This is a serious topic, since it speaks of a distinct problem you undoubtedly have in your church. If you do not have it, praise the Lord! There is an age at which a young person, if he has not had a definite experience in knowing the Lord, is likely to drift away from the church. As we term it when it happens in high school, the young person becomes a "dropout."

Invite several of the adult leaders from your church to attend this meeting and discuss the problem from their adult viewpoint. It might be wise to have copies of the questions you wish them to discuss and give them to these leaders prior to your meeting so that they will be better prepared for the discussion. You will notice there are two groups of questions in this topic presentation. The group entitled "The Problem at Our Church" is for the adult leaders to discuss. Suggestions for those you might ask for this panel are: your pastor, the teen-age Sunday School teachers, the head of the officers of your congregation, and anyone else you feel is genuinely interested in young people.

Research for the Meeting

The National Sunday School Association, Chicago, Illinois, made a survey in 1962 concerning dropouts. This survey was based on questionnaires to pastors and teen-age dropouts in 25 evangelical denominations and a number of independent churches in 50 states. Chief reasons given by dropouts for their action were lack of things for youth to do, lack of consistency in Christian witness by church members, and lack of relationship to youth needs.

You might conduct a small survey of your own if you are personally acquainted with some who have dropped out of your church recently. You must be careful, however, that you handle this in the proper way, because you might be "treading on thin ice." Consult with your pastor and counselor to see what their opinions are regarding this possibility.

God's Word and the Topic

A. SOURCE OF LOYALTY TO CHRIST'S CHURCH

(Read Colossians 1:18)

The source of our loyalty to the Church is Christ. Therefore, our loyalty does not stem from a beautiful church building, even though we have marvelous structures today built to the glory of God. We should be proud of our edifices, keep them looking nice, and feel privileged to worship in such a lovely place. However, all the while we must remember that our church is not the building in which we worship. This building is merely something made by man which will eventually decay and crumble. Also, our loyalty does not stem from our fellow church members in spite of the fact that it is best to choose our friends from among these folk. These members are human and may fail us, and so we cannot say we are loyal to Christ's Church because of the people in it!

Our loyalty stems from our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, our personal Saviour from sin. He is the Rock on which

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the Church is built. He is the One who will someday come to claim His bride, the Church. He will claim us if we truly belong to Him, not if we merely have a loyalty to a building or a group of people. We must have our faith, our hope, grounded in Christ!

B. REASON FOR OUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST'S CHURCH

(Read Romans 12:4-8)

The Church, the human instrument of Christ in the world today, represents Him in the midst of turmoil, unrest, and conflict in that world. Unfortunately we cannot truthfully say that within the Church there is no turmoil, unrest, or conflict. Since the Church is but a human instrument, there are frailties and weaknesses within. It is good for a young person to realize this at the outset. We are not loyal to Christ's Church because that Church is perfect. We are loyal because as a part of this chosen representative of Christ on the earth we have a job to do. In this passage in Romans 12 (incidentally this chapter is sometimes known as the "Christian Endeavor Chapter" because of the wonderful way it expresses the life of a "serving" Christian), we read that though we do not all have the same job, we all do have a job. One person may be chosen of the Lord to be a minister, the next one a teacher, still others to have special gifts of exhorting, giving, ruling, showing mercy, etc. Members have these various jobs to do and must, through the Holy Spirit, accomplish them. Thus, the reason for our loyalty is that we have a job to do—for Christ—in His Church.

C. EXPRESSION OF LOYALTY TO CHRIST'S CHURCH

(Read Hebrews 10:24,25 and I Corinthians 16:2)

Our loyalty to the Church of Jesus Christ must find expression in several ways. In these two Scripture passages we find ways enumerated in which we should support our church:

1. *By attendance.* We are reminded that we should not "forsake the assembling of ourselves together" (in other words, do not stop going to church), "as the manner of some is" (they must have had dropouts in Paul's day also). We should not miss the services of our church by using silly excuses and flimsy reasons. Unless our absence is caused by something over which we have no control, no excuse is acceptable. In our Christian Endeavor Pledge we say we shall attend "unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master."

2. *By love.* The Christian may express his loyalty to his church by loving his fellow members, getting along well with them, and watching that he treats them as fellow believers. Above all this, we must express our loyalty to our church through love to our Saviour. This love should be constantly growing in our hearts as we know Him better and closer.

3. *By good works.* A very important part of the work of Christ's Church has always been to help others. We find that most hospitals and colleges were originally started by a church body. Serving the Lord in this way surely expresses our loyalty to His Church. Last week we studied the Christian Endeavor principle "Service for Christ," and we found we were "saved to serve" and to do whatever He asks us to do. Jesus clearly stated that if we help anyone in His name, it is like helping Him (Matthew 25:40).

4. *By exhorting.* This word means to encourage or advise. We need other people as we travel along in this life. This is even more true when we say that as Christians we need other Christians to encourage and advise us. We should strive to express our loyalty to Christ's Church by being the sort of Christian to whom others may come when they need encouragement or good sound advice. We should always use God's Word as the source of this advice, however.

5. *By giving.* We must give of ourselves, our talents, our very lives, when we express our loyalty to Christ's Church. However, we must also give of our very substance — monetarily (with money). Each society should be encouraging all of its members to become part of the Tenth Legion. The Tenth Legion is made up of Christian Endeavorers who have promised the Lord to give Him at least one tenth of all the money they ever have. Once this is practiced, it becomes a real blessing and a true expression of our loyalty.

6. Would you, as adult leaders of our church, be willing to give time to a definite program of attempting to reclaim teen-agers we have lost in recent months?

7. Would you feel you could work with our Christian Endeavor society in this program?

(Invite these adult leaders to come to your meeting next Sunday when you will be analyzing your Christian Endeavor program in an attempt to make it more interesting and worthwhile for those other young people in your church who have not heretofore manifested an interest in Christian Endeavor.)

Questions for Society Discussion

1. State just what you think the word "loyalty" means. Discuss how an individual may be loyal to a person, an organization, an idea, an ideal.
2. When we are loyal to our church, are we loyal to a person, a thing, an organization, an idea, an ideal?
3. Of what is the Church universal composed?
4. What part does our local church have in the Church universal?
5. Why should young people in our Christian Endeavor society be loyal to our local church? To the Church universal?
6. Why should we show loyalty in supporting the program of our local church?
7. How may a Christian Endeavorer urge other young people in the local church to support the church in a better way?
8. Can you think of certain specific ways in which our society might show its loyalty to our church? to our brotherhood? to the Church universal?

The Problem at Our Church

(Panel discussion using as panel members adult leaders from your church)

1. Do we have a problem in our church with teen-age dropouts? In other words, is our Sunday School and church losing teen-agers when they reach a certain age?

2. Do we have any idea how many we are losing and at what age we lose them?

3. Do we have any idea why this is so?

4. Is our church doing anything about this problem?

5. Do you feel our Christian Endeavor society is in a position to help solve the problem of teen-agers leaving our church? By what means?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 11 The Head of the Church Ephesians 1:1-25
T. Jan. 12 The Members of the Church Ephesians 2:1:22
W. Jan. 13 Glory in the Church Ephesians 3:1-21
T. Jan. 14 The Unity of the Church Ephesians 4:1-32
F. Jan. 15 The Church, Christ's Body Ephesians 5:1-33
S. Jan. 16 The Armor of the Church Ephesians 6:1-24
Sun. Jan. 17—Topic: Why Do Young People Leave the Church? Ephesians 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:23-25

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole, counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Church, Temple, Pennsylvania, where her husband is minister

Topic 4 in a Unit:
Christian Endeavor Principles

Fellowship with a Difference

(Fellowship with Christ's People)

John 17:11-23

For Leader and Counselor

This should be a continuation of last week's meeting when you talked about church dropouts. This week's topic primarily should be a discussion of what may be done in your church and your society to prevent dropouts. A self-examination is in order, and you will find some helpful questions under the heading *Society Self-Analysis.* A society inventory can be taken in regard to the program and purpose of your group. Where are you lacking? What is your weak point? How can your weaknesses be remedied? There is much food for thought.

Take this opportunity to step backward and view yourselves through the eyes of those who are not coming. Then prepare for a forward movement! Consider carefully the advisability of conducting the contest suggested under *Enlarging Our Fellowship.* We must be reminded of what Jesus said in Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great . . . the laborers are few . . . pray . . . that (the Lord) would send forth laborers . . ."

Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216, for some material on programing and extending your society. Ask for the *Catalog of Literature and Supplies.* If you do not have the 1964-65 GUIDE FOR ACTION, order several copies for your leaders. They cost 25c per copy. Also *Planning the Program of a Christian Endeavor Society* (50c) would be helpful for you.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Prayer
Hymn 123: *We're Marching to Zion*
Chorus: *For Christ and the Church*
Responsive Scripture #9: World Brotherhood
Prayers (have several)
Hymn 22: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Hymn 114: *We Would Be Building*
Basis in God's Word
Society Self-Analysis
Action-Full Speed Ahead!
Hymn 136: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
Closing Prayer

Publicity

Cut pictures of groups of people from magazines. Place these pictures on a poster, around a central cross with the words "Fellowship through Christ" printed above the cross. Below, give the details of your meeting, time and place, etc.

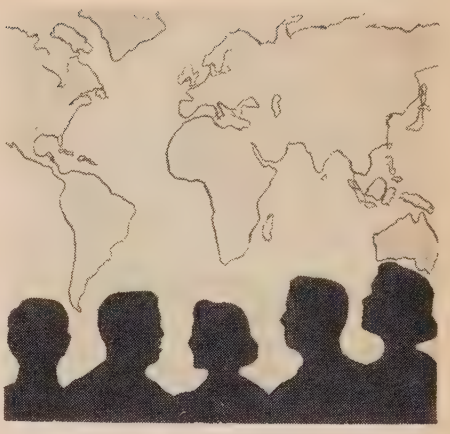
Do you announce your meetings and topics in your Sunday School session? If not, begin to do so this week.

Basis in God's Word

(Read the whole chapter from which the topic text is taken—the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This is a prayer Jesus prayed for you and me. It is true that He prayed it for His disciples, but He plainly stated that it was not for them alone, but for all who would believe (verse 20). This should cause us to "read and heed!")

1. The Church is called to a rich fellowship *(read I Corinthians 1:9,10* and *I John 1:3).* First, we as saints or believers in the Lord Jesus Christ have fellowship with Him because we walk in His light. Next, we have fellowship with one another. This is very necessary. We need human companionship in our Christian experience so that we may be encouraged in our lives. This encouragement will help us to live and work better for Christ. Young Christians (not particularly young in years, though this is true also, but young in experience) need the help of those who have been walking with the Lord for many years. We all have weaknesses. We need assistance in times of temptation and trial. It gives us strength to know others are near, are praying, and have walked the road before us.

2. The Church has a oneness through its fellowship *(read I Corinthians 12:13).* The hymn writer John Oxenham put it this way, "In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." There is a satisfaction in knowing we are a part of a world-wide group of believers. We can visit the far-flung corners of our world and find people different from ourselves in what they wear, what they eat, what they do, how they worship, etc., but if they know Christ we have a bond of love with them which no one can take away. The love of Christ crosses all barriers of color, race, time, or distance.



3. Through fellowship we send a message to those who do not believe *(read John 17:21).* Jesus gave a very good reason why we need to have fellowship with one another. He told us why our testimony must be united. This reason is "that the world may believe that Thou (God) hast sent me." We know the world is full of doubters and people who will not accept Christ as the Son of God, the promised Redeemer. We also know it is our responsibility as Christians to make them see He is God's Son and can be their Saviour. If we present to the world a united front, a oneness in Christian fellowship, we surely can do our job more easily.

O for a closer walk with man!
Sweet fellowship of soul,
Where each is to the other bound,
Parts of one living whole.

Our Father, God, help us to see
That all in Thee are one;
O warm our hearts with thy pure love,
Strong as your glorious sun.

And when our brother's voice shall call
From lands beyond the sea,
Our hearts in glad repose will say,
"Here, Lord, am I, send me."

Thus will the deep desire be met
With which our prayer began;
A closer walk with Thee will mean
A closer walk with man.

—Author Unknown

Society Self-Analysis

Discuss the following and appoint a secretary to take down the results of the discussion and prepare a report of it. You might ask your counselor to do this for you. You will want a neat report, one that tells you many things, for this will be the basis of your future society program.

1. Would a young person leave our local church because of the failure of our Christian Endeavor society to pro-

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vide a good program of Christian fellowship?

2. Do we provide fellowship in the four phases of a young person's life—physical, mental, social, and spiritual?

3. Do we have enough for young people to do? Do we have enough activities just for them?

4. Do we have the kind of activities that young people like to have? Are our activities geared to their interests?

5. Do we encourage young people to do things to help others as well as to do things which entertain themselves?

6. Do our adult leaders cooperate with our program, or are they indifferent or critical?

7. Is our church too strict (or too lenient) with what we may and may not do?

8. Do we have the sort of activities we do because they are traditional or because they meet the needs of the young people now?

9. Do we ever meet with other Christian Endeavor groups on a city-wide, county-wide or province-wide basis?

10. Does our society feel a part of the whole program of our church? Do our members take part in that program?

11. Do we really welcome new young people into our society?

12. Do we have any cliques in our society?

13. Do we ever consider any specific problems of a social or racial nature which are present in our community? Do we discuss them and take a Christian stand in regard to them?

14. Do we have a good musical program? Is our singing peppy and appealing to young people?

15. Do we ever try to interest our young people in the history of our local church or our brotherhood?

16. Do we set aside any time in our program for Bible study?

17. Do we carry forth the principles and motto of Christian Endeavor? Do we know how the movement was founded and of its interdenominational and interracial emphasis? Do we use the Christian Endeavor Pledge?

18. Do we carry forth the primary reason for Christian fellowship—to know Christ and to make Him known to others?

19. Do we present a challenge to young people when they attend our meetings? Are our meetings well planned, orderly, and interesting?

20. Have we been completely honest in trying to find out why we do not interest more young people in becoming active Endeavorers?

Action—Full Speed Ahead!

"Above all—pray!" How often have we heard these words? Have we heeded them? Before we even think about doing something for Christ and His Church, we must take the matter to Him in prayer. It would be a wonderful idea for your society leaders to have regular prayer meetings, just for the purpose of praying for the young people in your society, those who should be coming and are not, and all those in your community who have no church affiliation at all. These prayer meetings need not be every week. If your schedule is full, have one each month. Meet, if possible, in an informal atmosphere at your homes. You could invite first the society officers and then anyone in the society who is interested enough and concerned enough to want to see your fellowship grow.

Do you have a committee in charge of programs? If not, one should be formed in order that your meetings may be well planned and thus more effective. You should outline your program for at least three or four months in advance, including your social activities. You should plan your program with the total church program in mind, not scheduling something at a time when your group should be in attendance at another function of your church. You should plan with school activities in mind, because many of these activities are compulsory for youth and do present a real problem for them. You should plan with your parents and church leaders in mind so you will not arrange anything of which they will disapprove. Finally, plan your program with the young people in mind whom you expect to carry it out. Based on their desires and interests, provided they are of a Christian nature, give them what they want to have.

Do you have a Lookout Committee? If not, one should be begun now. This committee does just what its name implies: it "looks out" for young people who should be coming to your society meetings and activities but are not. These committee members must be friendly and outgoing, having the ability to speak to others and make friends easily.

Do you have a Social Committee? If not, begin now. There is work to planning any sort of activity, work to planning games, refreshments, etc. Not everyone is willing to do this. You must find persons specially talented in conducting games.

There are other committees for your society, of course, but these three are essential. If you have consecrated young people for these committees, they can carry on a wonderful society program.

"Enlarging Our Fellowship" Contest

Ask your Sunday School secretary for the names and addresses of all the young people of your age group in your Sunday School, active or inactive. Divide the names of all those who do not come to Christian Endeavor into several groups. Ask two members of your active society group to be responsible for contacting one list of names. This contact should be a personal one. If it is not possible for a personal contact, however, a telephone call is the next best thing. Give each contacting pair a certain period of time to do the contacting. At the end of this period, change the lists.

Of what should the contact consist? First of all, invite the persons to come to Christian Endeavor. If they promise to come, give them the details of your next meeting. If they say they cannot come or will not come, ask them for a reason, but ask kindly and understandingly. If you fail to get them to respond the first time, try again. If they have promised to come and do not come, ask the second time—and the third time. When all the pairs have contacted all the lists, these young people should have been contacted by several persons. Certainly some of them should respond. Keep praying, and keep trying!

Give a prize to the two people from your society who, at the end of the contest, have the most young people coming from their original list. The prize might be a Christian Endeavor pen, pencil or pin or other jewelry available through the International Society. See the price list in the *Catalog of Literature and Supplies.*

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 18 There Am I Matthew 18:18-20
T. Jan. 19 No Greater Love John 15:4-17
W. Jan. 20 A Friend at All Times Proverbs 17:1-17
T. Jan. 21 Two Are Better Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
F. Jan. 22 Jonathan's Friendship I Samuel 18:1-9
S. Jan. 23 Jonathan Saves David I Samuel 19:1-7
Sun. Jan. 24—Topic: Friendship with a Difference **John 17:11-23**

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole, counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Church, Temple, Pennsylvania, where her husband is minister

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Week

My All for Christ

(Denominational Day—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

Luke 14:16-27; 5:1-11

Publicity

The 1965 Packet for Christian Endeavor Week contains many suggestions for publicity which you will want to consider and use. It is available from Christian Endeavor Headquarters for 50c.

You might insert this item in your church bulletin: *Sunday, January 31, marks the beginning of Christian Endeavor Week. This observance will commemorate the 84th birthday of Christian Endeavor, founded by Dr. Francis E. Clark on February 2, 1881. The theme "My All for Christ" will be carried out in the many special activities being planned for the week by our young people. Leader for the Junior High group this evening will be* ——————. *Parents are invited to the Birthday banquet on Tuesday evening and for the specially prepared meeting on February 7.*

Newspapers generally welcome interesting articles of activities of local youth, if copy is typed double-spaced on one side of 8½ by 11-inch white paper. Glossy pictures and the story should get to the newspaper office by a deadline which you have arranged with the church-page editor. Merchants, the public library, service stations, and airports might welcome a neat display. This could be a Christian citizenship project.

Goal of Meeting

This theme should challenge each one to commit his life totally to Christ. Stress that Christ must be both Saviour and Lord of an individual's life. Christian youth need to be challenged to total commitment in a day when there is so much halfhearted Christianity.

To that end the Devotional Committee should plan on using one of the society's outstanding leaders whose life and testimony are all out for Christ. Because of the type of theme, the leader should suggest, at the beginning of the meeting, the need for every member to participate as he can. Remember that in the first society every young person agreed to take some part aside from singing in every meeting of the group.

For the Counselor

It is well to keep in mind the objectives of the Christian Endeavor movement. During the last four meetings its four principles have been considered, and now this theme can include many of those ideas. Be prepared to remind the youth in your closing remarks of the reason Christian Endeavor came into existence and how it continues to serve Christ. Consult the book CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ESSENTIALS and the Christian Endeavor Week Packet.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Meditation Time *(See suggestions below)*
Sing Time:
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Faith of Our Fathers
Trust and Obey
Reading of the Scripture Lesson
Prayer Fellowship
Events of the Week to Come
Sharing of Gifts
Special Number or Song
Youth and Adults Who Gave Their All for Christ *(Daily Readings)*
Areas in Which Youth Can Give Their All for Christ *(discussions centering around seven areas suggested in topic development)*
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Counselor's Moments
Christian Endeavor Benediction

Meeting Suggestions

For room decorations, have on the wall facing the audience a picture of Christ or just the word "Christ" in large letters, and surrounding it the words "My All for." This could be done with cutout letters or on a large chalkboard. Then, on strings from the theme, placards bearing the seven areas for discussion could be hung, or they could be neatly written on a chalkboard.

As the fellows and girls enter the meeting room, have all in darkness except for a lamp or floodlight illuminating the theme. Each young person should be given a slip of paper reading, "Please enter the room quietly and find your seat; then without speaking to one another think about your life in relation to Christ as suggested in the theme presentation." Soft hymn music should be playing on a record during this time of meditation. Two ushers to direct the youth to their seats would be helpful. At the proper time, the leader can welcome the group, thank them for sharing in the meditation time, and announce the song leader and pianist.

The song leader can pick up the theme in words something like these, "Our theme tonight is *My All for Christ,* and three songs have been chosen to help us think of God's faithfulness, how it worked in the lives of those who have gone before, and how it can work for us today. Our first song is number ——, . . . then shall we sing number ——, . . . and the last song proving our opportunity, number——." The Scripture reading should be given by a fellow and a girl, one reading the Luke 14 passage and the other from Luke 5. The prayer time should be an encouragement for many to lead in brief sentence prayers as the leader will suggest.

The six Daily Readings should have been assigned early so that designated young people could make brief narrations in the first person in their own words. For instance, in regard to the selection from Mark 6, one might say, "I am a young fellow that loved to follow the crowds and hear the Master speak. I had with me a lunch consisting of *(see John 6:9)*. I gladly gave it to Jesus, and a mighty miracle took place so that over 5,000 were fed and much more remained than when we started." If each of the Daily Readings is presented in such fashion, the characters will become realistic.

Now the leader should introduce the discussion of the topic based upon the seven areas in which it is possible to give one's all for Christ. After each presentation from the seed thoughts below, it would be well to have discussion from the group.

Topic Discussion

1. My Heart

Look up in a concordance the places where the word "heart" is used. Then make a brief summary of the selfish heart, the seeking heart, and the singing or happy heart.

Discuss these questions: What is the meaning of the word "heart" in the Christian life? Where do we understand the

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Spirit of God dwells or lives? What do we mean when we say that Christ has come into our hearts?

This poem might summarize your thoughts:

A Pure Heart

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free!
A heart that always feels Thy blood,
So freely spilt for me.
A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great redeemer's throne:
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.
O for a lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From Him that dwells within!
A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect, and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.
Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of love.

—Charles Wesley

2. My Will

Look up the word "will" in the dictionary and express its intent. Show that the will is up to the individual to control.

Discuss these questions: Can we be converted without submitting our will to God? *(See John 1:12,13.)* What was Jesus' purpose in life? *(See John 4:34.)* Should we submit to the will of our parents? Our teachers? All those in authority? Can we be happy without submission? Is God's will for us ever above that of parents, teachers, pastors, etc?

3. My Talents

The youth presenting this portion should define a talent and be prepared to bring out its meaning with such questions as these:

How can I know my talents or gifts? Be sure to bring out that these are things which are easy for us to do with a little effort.

What part does attitude have to do with ability to do something well?

If one has a talent, is he responsible to use it?

Use this poem to summarize:

Here Am I

If You need a hand today,
To clasp another hand on life's way,
Take mine, dear Lord, take mine.
If You are needing feet to tread
In paths around the sinful bed,
Use mine, dear Lord, use mine.
If You are needing lips today,
For words that help and heal, to say,
Fill mine, dear Lord, fill mine.
If You are needing eyes to see
When souls begin to stray from Thee,
Fit mine, dear Lord, fit mine.
But cleanse, dear Lord, and purify,
And then each talent sanctify,
Of mine, dear Lord, of mine.

—Author unknown

4. My Time

The youth presenting this part of the discussion would do well to pass out pieces of paper and ask each one to write down the approximate hours of the day spent in eating, school, study, sports or other activities, helping at home, sleep, etc. Then ask each how much time he gives for God in a total week, including family and private devotions, attendance at church, and service for Christ. As freely as they will, let them discuss how much time would be normal to give to God out of the days and week. A closing thought is: "If you have time to read the comic sheet, you should have an equal amount of time to read the Bible."

5. My Possessions

Most Junior Highs aren't earning much on their own, but many have odd jobs to supplement their allowance. However, many other things are of usefulness to the Lord. Guide thinking along this line: I have a radio. Do the programs I listen to and the friends it makes honor Christ? The same things apply to television. How do I use my sports equipment? Do I share what I have with others? Do I use my money selfishly? What plans could I make to budget my earnings and allowance to honor Christ? A closing thought is: "It is not how much I can give to my Saviour, but how much can I keep for myself?"

6. My Intellect

Junior Highs are in a rapid physical change period, and yet many mental decisions are made that affect all of their lives. So it's good to set our minds on what we will be doing with the mind God has given us. Is my attitude toward my teachers and subjects that they will best prepare me for life? How can I make it a matter of joy to make good grades? What kind of goals can I set for myself in purposeful living? What must I avoid if I am to be my best for the Christ I serve?

To sum it up, use these lines:
To you is giv'n this fresh new day,
A gift from God, without a stain,
Another link that you may use
In fashioning life's golden chain.
A chain, you know, is never strong
Unless each link is perfect too,
And so, whate'er your life shall be,
Depends each day on what you do.
This link, once molded, will remain
A record of your faith and skill,
For God has given you the power
To make your links just what you will.

—Author unknown

7. My Life

Christian Endeavor stresses the importance of full surrender to Christ and His Church. With each day there are decisions to make which will affect one's destiny. A complete dedication to Christ makes the daily choices easier.

These questions will direct thinking in this respect: Is my life really my own? What do I owe my parents and ancestors? What should I do for my community? What should I do for Christ and the Church?

Use these lines to summarize:

Am I working for the Master?
Do I please Him day by day?
What I do, is it for Jesus?
Do I practice what I say?
Loving Saviour, take my hand;
Show me now just where I stand.
Am I living pure and holy?
Am I walking in the light?
Do I have the living witness
In my heart that all is right?
Loving Saviour, take my hand,
Show me now just where I stand.

—Author unkonwn

Closing Ideas

If the meeting was begun as suggested with quiet music and dimmed lights, it would be well to conclude it the same way. The counselor could stand close to the theme center and point out that the word "seven" makes for perfection and that the seven areas of dedication will bring untold blessings to any life and in turn to the world. If the Holy Spirit leads, an invitation could be given for decisions. Each one should be reminded that next Sunday is Consecration Sunday and that he should be prepared to give a personal witness for Christ.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 25	He Left All	Mark 2:13,14
T. Jan. 26	Nothing Wanted	Mark 6:34-43
W. Jan. 27	The Best for Christ	Luke 7:37-50
T. Jan. 28	Nothing Held Back	Luke 19:1-8
F. Jan. 29	All Her Living	Mark 12:41-44
S. Jan. 30	His Life for Christ	Acts 7:54-60

Sun. Jan. 31—Topic: My All for Christ
Luke 14:16-27; 5:1-11
(Denominational Day—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess of La Habra, California, member of the Educational Committee of the International Society

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Principles

I Confess Him

Luke 12:1-9

Aims

1. To educate Endeavorers in the basic principles of the Christian Endeavor movement.

2. To stress that confession is the beginning point in the life of an active member.

3. To challenge members to dedicate their lives for Christ and the Church.

Publicity

Make a poster which depicts a youth with a Christian Endeavor badge or tie talking to another youth or a group in a room where a picture of Christ is hung with the caption "I Confess Christ." Give the date, place, and time of the meeting.

To the Leader

You are starting the New Year with the first basic principle of the Christian Endeavor Society, *Confession of Christ,* as the topic for the devotional meeting of your society. The young people should know the foundations of the founder of the movement.

It is easy to be caught in the forth of the Christian Endeavor movement and overlook the principles. It is these basic principles that produce the forth. In dealing with this topic, *I Confess Him,* you should stress that this is the starting point, as an active member's pledge presupposes conversion and assumes a readiness to acknowledge Christ as Saviour and Lord. While you take this occasion to teach the elemental principle of the movement, you should also create the atmosphere of a consecration meeting and lead the members to an act of dedication or rededication as the case may be. Hence, the responsibility of giving the right start for the year depends upon your prayerful preparation. It may be that you should sanctify yourself for the sake of your members. You must be familiar with the subject matter of this topic. You may refer to the following source materials: 1. *What Christian Endeavor Believes, Chapter II.* 2. The Christian Endeavor Manual, by Francis Edward Clark, Chapter II. 3. *Francis E. Clark,* by W. Knight Chaplain, Chapters IV & X.

The topic could be better understood through the participation by as many members as possible, for such participation itself is confessing Christ openly. A few members can be asked to tell in a few sentences how they have shown their open confession of Christ or how they have failed to do so. After the leader's talk on the subject, the members may be asked to give their testimony and also resolve as individuals and as a society the different ways by which they could make known their open confession of Christ in the New Year. Your Devotional Committee should give a practical turn in planning this topic.

You may have better ideas than the writer of this topic. You know your members. You can avoid the details and plan an alternate program. But please see that you achieve the principal aim of leading young people to rededicate their lives, admitting their past failures so that their lives may be an open confession of His name for His glory and as a witness to others.

Leader's Introduction

The next four meetings will be devoted to a consideration of the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor. One of the finest utterances delivered at the World's Convention in London in 1900 was Dr. Clark's presidential address on "The World-wide Principles of a World-wide Movement."

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3

Song Service: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story; My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:1-9

Hymn: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Announcements and Offering

Leader's Introduction

Talks on the Topic

Time of Dedication: Sentence prayers or testimony followed by the Christian Endeavor Pledge

Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Benediction

A few excerpts will indicate its purport: "A thousand matters are left free and flexible in Christian Endeavor. Personal initiative, invention, resource, the constant leading of the Spirit of God are possible . . . a universal movement must have universal principles that do not change with the seasons, do not melt at the tropics, or congeal at the poles. A tree puts forth new leaves every year, but it does not change its roots. It simply lengthens and strengthens them. The roots of the Christian Endeavor tree wherever it grows are Confession of Christ, Service for Christ, Loyalty to Christ's Church, and Fellowship with Christ's People . . . With these roots the Christian Endeavor tree will bear fruit in any soil. Cut away any of these roots in any clime and the tree dies. Each of these principles is natural and basal."

There is a "highway code" published by the Government to guide people as they journey along the roads. For the Christian Endeavorer the highway code is expressed in these four principles. These may be called the four standards for Christian Endeavor. These principles of Christian Endeavor give strength and character to the movement.

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Christian Endeavor's world-wide aspect is brought to you in the January Senior High-Young People's topics which have been written by overseas Endeavorers. The writers represent Australia, England, Germany, India, and Scotland. These topics should be helpful in preparing for the 84th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor, January 31-February 7.

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The success of the society and the movement stands on the fidelity of the individuals to these principles. Let us hold on to these fundamentals and keep the standard high!

We are in a New Year. God, by His grace, has led us thus far. As we look back, we are mindful of our failures. But from these failures we are able to move forward into victory. God calls us today to a renewed dedication of our lives to Him by the study of the first cardinal principle, Confession of Christ.

Let us consider the various phases of the Topic, *I Confess Him,* in the light of Biblical references.

Talks on the Topic

1. What does "confess" mean? Before starting to think about any subject we must be sure that we all understand what we mean by certain terms. The words "confess" and confession" are used in different contexts. In criminology these refer to the acknowledgement of one's offense. According to the Biblical use the word refers to two aspects: making known one's sins, or acknowledging faith in, as to confess Christ before men.

Let us not spend our time on the use of the word in criminology. A judicial confession is different from the confession of a penitent sinner to God. According to the Biblical use confession is twofold. On the one hand it involves confession of sin, and on the other it involves confession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour (refer I John 1:9 and Romans 10:9). It is in fact two sides of the same coin. Here is the initial beginning of one's Christian experience. After having received salvation, one must freely acknowledge Christ before men and speak openly of Him.

Which part of the two sides refers to you? As an active member you have committed yourself in the Pledge to an acceptance of the Lordship of Christ with all that it implies. For your spiritual growth you have to exemplify Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord in your life. The first plank in the platform of principles is and must always be "personal allegiance to our divine Lord and Master Jesus Christ and open confession of His name."

2. What should I confess? (1.) Confess Jesus as your Saviour (Acts 4:10-12). (2.) Confess Jesus as the Son of God (I John 4:15). (3.) Confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11). (4.) Confess Christ Jesus as the King of kings and Lord of lords (I Timothy 6:15).

Questions for Discussion

1. How is confession of Christ promoted in our society?

2. What are the causes and consequences for not confessing Christ?

3. Has the standard of our society been lowered and brought to the level of the world to suit the present conditions of the world, or has it been kept up to the ideals of Christian Endeavor?

I must not only accept Jesus as my Saviour and Redeemer, but I must crown Him as Lord and King. *(Read Acts 10:36 and I Corinthians 12:3 and consider Hudson Taylor's statement, "If Christ is not Lord of all, then He is not Lord at all.")*

3. Why should I confess? (1.) It is essential to salvation (Romans 10:9). Confession of Christ before men is essential to salvation. Salvation is not gained by suppression, but by confession of one's faith in Christ, followed by a life that verifies that confession. 2.) It is an evidence of union with God (I John 4:15). (3.) It is to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:11). (4.) It is to insure His confessing us (Luke 9:26; 12:8). (5.) It is necessary for the spiritual growth of The Endeavorer. Dr. Clark wrote, "Frequent public confession of Christ and constant appropriate work for Him are the two panaceas for spiritual idleness and inactivity." (6.) Love for Christ should drive us to confess for Christ before all (Matthew 10:37). (7.) It is our Lord's command (Mark 5:19).

4. How and where should I confess Him? (1.) Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord and confess your faith publicly. Do this in the society by your regular attendance and participation in the weekly meetings, by answering the roll call at the consecration meetings, and by signing the Pledge and wearing the badge. Do this in the church by regular, faithful attendance at all worship services and by participation in the program of your church. Do this in the home by practical Christian sharing in the work at home and by your love to the family and servants. Do this in school or place of business by your diligence, honesty, cooperation, and respect for authority. Do this in the community by your sincere concern for the poor and the needy, the physically handicapped, the juvenile delinquents and by your firm stand against all evils of the society contrary to the spirit of our Master.

(2.) Give your personal witness or testimony whenever you get an opportunity. "Nobody ever told me before," whispered a dying circus girl in a North Queensland hospital as she listened to a minister tell her of the love of Jesus. How can anybody ever know who has not been told? "Our world is built on 'telling others' in one way or another —by word of mouth, books, papers, telephone, radio, and television, and even by singing" (from a 1963 Christian Endeavor topic in Australia).

An Illustration

(Taken from Chapter II of *What Christian Endeavor Believes)*

"The importance of open confession of Christ is expressed in the story of a certain quiet, retiring young man who came home from a Sunday evening Christian Endeavor meeting more joyful than common. His aged grandmother inquired, 'Did you have a good meeting tonight?' Whereupon, with a radiant countenance, he replied 'We certainly did. Everyone took part. Three of our associate members became Christians, confessed Christ for the first time tonight, and the rest of us told what Christ means to each of us, in school, at work, and at play, and believe it or not, I became so full of joy and the meeting was so wonderful that I spoke three times. Grandmother, our meeting tonight was indeed great! It was a glorious Christian Endeavor meeting. I hope we have many more like it.' " May this be your experience too today!

Comments by James D. Isaac of India

Daily Bible Readings

M. Dec. 28 All Should Make the Good Confession — I Timothy 6:12-16
T. Dec. 29 Confess Jesus as the Son of God — I John 4:6-15
W. Dec. 30 Confession Is Before Men — Mark 8:34-38
T. Dec. 31 Confession by Word of Mouth — Romans 10:1-10
F. Jan. 1 Christ Confesses Those Who Confess Him — Luke 9:23-27
S. Jan. 2 Universal Confession Needed — Philippians 2:5-11
Sun. Jan. 3—Topic: I Confess Him — Luke 12:1-9

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Topic 2 in a Unit:
Christian Endeavor Principles

I Serve Him

John 12:24-32

To the Leader

1. Thank God for your present royal opportunity — calling young people into the greatest and most important work of the world as servants of the living God who made heaven and earth.

2. Search for weak points in the committee work of your own society and appeal for new helpers.

3. Invite two deacons of your church, perhaps fruitbearing people, who may briefly report in the meeting about their special service.

4. Gather reports of experiences from mission fields at home and abroad to kindle ideas that will inspire youth to action.

Leader's Introduction

The second principle of Christian Endeavor, *Service for Christ,* is based on the first principle, Confession of Christ. No service for the Lord is possible without first confession. Remember the daily Bible reading of this past week—the Lord's people had been slaves in Egypt, but the greater problem was that they served heathen idols too. When the people arrived in Canaan, Joshua called them to destroy their idols and to serve only the one God. "I serve Him!" Joshua proclaimed. He and his family gave a good witness. With a loud voice the people also proclaimed this. Notice what one man is able to do.

Later on, Samuel in the same manner called the Lord's people to serve Him only. Again and again Samuel underlined the promise of God, "Then I will be with you!" David then added, "Serve Him with a perfect heart!" He knew no higher task in his life than to serve the Lord. Psalm 72 explains how wonderfully the great God fulfills His promises and "all nations will serve Him."

In the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ we read first (Matthew 4:11) the "angels . . . ministered unto Him." But there are also accounts of men (Matthew 10) and even women (Luke 8:2,3) who served Him. The Acts of the Apostles is especially a book of servants. A vivid model is the church of Thessalonica. That city with its harbor was a busy place. News reaching there was spread over all the world. It was the strategic point for pioneer missions. Paul preached the Gospel in Thessalonica only a short time. Persecution brought his service to a quick end, but a church was born (Acts 17:1-9). Soon after this these young believers received a letter from the hand of the apostle. With joy Paul gave witness, "Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." Their service in that strategic place made the Gospel known over all Macedonia and Greece. Notice the service of these new followers of Jesus Christ. They became industrious for the Lord's work. Mammon and wealth are the idols of the business world. The children of this world are serving them with pleasure. So the Master called His disciples to work for the kingdom of heaven.

The Scripture from John 12 is full of excitement and interest. In verses 20 and 21 we find Greek people desiring to see Jesus. Surely the Lord was deeply moved by this experience. His time of glory was drawing near. So He gave the message of the grain of wheat. This became a fundamental program for each of His servants. This is the special call of today. A single grain of wheat abides alone when it is not planted in the ground, but dying in the ground it makes a rich yield. This is exactly the Lord's will for His followers. All selfishness is under His judgment. Serving is real life. Whoever selfishly loves his own life will lose his life. It is in vain. Our Lord Jesus Christ offers His life. He came into the world only to serve.

Quite close to His parable of the grain of wheat the Lord gave the message of service for all His followers. Each one of them shall be a servant. The way of His servants will be the way of the "grain of wheat" through all centuries. The blood of martytrs has been called the seed of the Church. So He looks for servants; to them the Master promises eternal life (John 12:25). He explained in two ways what this promise meant:

(1.) The servants of the Master will be always with Him. His presence is guaranteed. "Where I am my servant will be also." Do we know what that means? (2.) Jesus promised His servants that His Father will honor them. Think it over, this Father is creator of heaven and earth—the God of glory. No honor in this world can outweigh this.

Talks on the Topic

1. God's call for service goes to all mankind especially to His people.

(a) When God created men He commanded them to rule over all creation (Genesis 1:28). That must be a reign of love, for He blessed when He commanded. God planted Eden and commanded men to build and to protect it.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 100
Hymns: *Take My Life and Let It Be; Till I Become Like Thee*
Scripture Reading: John 12:24-32
Announcements
Hymn: *Stand Up for Jesus*
Offering
Solo: *More Like the Master*
Leader's Introduction
Chorus: *Saved to Tell Others*
Two or Three Brief Testimonies on Service
Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*
Topic Discussion
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
Benediction

All of these are the first forms of service for God. Every man is called into that service. This call is the foundation for all progress and all success in the world, including all work, politics, citizenship, new inventions, investigations, and discoveries.

(b) God's special call to serve Him produces a select people. Abraham was called to be a blessing. This meant service. He built altars and proclaimed the name of the Lord. Obeying God's call he became a servant of his God.

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(c) An extraordinary event was God's calling the children of Israel on Mount Sinai. They should become a chosen race, a holy people of kings and priests (Exodus 19:6). This surely is the highest standard of service. With loud enthusiasm the people kept the covenant with God. But in time they broke it and the God of love prepared a new covenant.

(d) To the redeemed and chosen people of that new covenant Peter said, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people" (I Peter 2:9). That means servants. From these passages we can see what a high standard of service God requires of us.

2. The great prototype for all service is our Lord and Master Himself. Jesus came to serve.

(a) His whole life was service for God. Look at the Gospel message for pictures of His serving among sinners, enemies, disciples. In His endurance He worked until the evening (Matthew 8:16). Notice His patience and His meekness.

(b) He gathered a crowd of men and women to teach and to train them for service. He expected no more and no other work from His followers than He did Himself. He could say in truth, "Follow me!" Each one of His followers He made to be a prototype for others too—a servant of the living God.

(c) Jesus promises a rich reward to His servants. There is great reward in this life for faithful workers. There are glories in heaven too. But in Jesus' teaching there is no place for a reward principle. Each one of His servants knows even if he has done his duty, "we are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10).

3. Abundant material for our topic talks will be found in the life of the apostle Paul.

(a) Paul lived after his conversion as a servant of his Lord and Saviour. When he named himself a servant he was saying, "I am a slave of my Lord Jesus Christ."

(b) Being a slave Paul had a surrendered will. He laid down his own will at his Master's feet. This was all that he wanted. The supreme thing in his life was to do the will of the Lord Jesus and to please Him.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why does God look so eagerly for servants and for service while He is the Almighty, the blessed in Himself, the only Sovereign independent of all?

2. What are the most important hindrances keeping us from a full surrender of our lives to God?

3. Are we able to discover special steps of blessing in our own lives as we serve the Master?

4. What can we do in the service of our Christian Endeavor society? Our church?

5. What help do we get in our personal service for the Lord by wearing the Christian Endeavor pin?

(c) Another mark of this servant's life was his humble spirit. There is no place for self-seeking in the life of a true servant. Perhaps it is his greatest virtue. Meekness is not weakness. In a humble mind the devil can gain no ground.

(d) Paul, too, had a compassionate heart. He served his Lord with many tears (Acts 20:19). This servant puts us to shame. Is not our service cold? The apostle shed tears of penitence, of love for sinners and saints. A Salvation Army Officer wrote to General Booth that he saw no results in his hard work. The General answered with a telegram, "Try tears!"

(e) Notice the steadfast spirit of Paul. The more service for the Lord the more testing by the enemy. We need power as well as grace.

(f) This servant of the Lord had a clear conscience. *(Read Acts 23:1 with 24:16.)* Surely he was not perfect, but no one could point a finger at him and accuse him. He had a clear conscience not only evangelistically and doctrinally but, very important, financially.

An Illustration

Cars are required to be examined each second year to make sure they function effectively for service. Let us consider if our society is functioning effectively. Some societies have celebrated their Silver or Golden Jubilee. Are they yet 25 or 50 years old or are they 25 or 50 years young? Some cars and some societies should have been scrapped years ago. Are we ready for service or for the museum? The two-year test is for the protection of the public and the preservation of the vehicle. A similar test for Christian Endeavor societies would help to protect the Church and preserve Christian Endeavor.

Look at the testing notes:

(1.) *Steering:* Essential for keeping the car in the right direction. Society leaders should insure that the society's manpower is being trained to use talents to serve the Lord.

(2.) *Lights:* Must be focused correctly to give adequate vision. The aims of the society should be clearly seen. These are equipment for wider service!

(3.) *Brakes:* Required for checking speed and controlling the vehicle. Some youthful enthusiasm needs controlling in order for it to be most effective. But some societies have perhaps suffered from a permanently fixed hand-brake which needs to be released to allow for initiative and new ideas. (From *British Christian Endeavor)*

Service for Christ

"The members serve. One cannot think of the abounding Christian life without this expression in service to others. It is an outpouring of the same love that Jesus had for mankind. Not merely Christian Endeavor's plans but the whole program of the church of Christ is built around the Christian's eagerness to serve . . . a. Christian Endeavor reaches out—to serve in the community and among neighboring churches and institutions as well in one's home church. b. The society provides definite and organized committees to carry out its own program, which in turn is dominated by the program of the whole church. c. Many young people, through such activities, come to understand Christian living as *service for Christ,* not merely mental acceptance of His teachings."

—Bert H. Davis
LEADERSHIP THROUGH
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Comments by Rev. Willy Lehmann of Germany

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 4 Serve the Lord I Samuel 12:8-15
T. Jan. 5 We Serve a Living God I Thessalonians 1:2-10
W. Jan. 6 Service to One Lord Luke 16:1-13
T. Jan. 7 All Shall Serve Him Psalm 72:1-11
F. Jan. 8 Serve with a Perfect Heart I Chronicles 28:4-9
S. Jan. 9 Yours Is the Choice Joshua 24:14-18
Sun. Jan. 10—Topic: I Serve Him John 12:24-32

Mission Hall, Berlin.

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Topic 3 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Principles

I Strive for Loyalty

Matthew 10:32-40

For Publicity

Put up a poster showing a picture of a church—your own church if possible—and use as the caption: *Are you* FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH? *Come to Christian Endeavor and find out.*

For the Leader

This topic provides a good opportunity to emphasise Christian Endeavor's value to the Church. At a suitable point during your talk ask the members to suggest ways in which they can be loyal to their own church. Write them on a chalkboard so that they can be seen by all during the rest of the meeting. If any group projects are suggested, discuss how to go about putting the ideas into action.

It might also be a good idea to have a word with your minister beforehand to see if he has any suggestions to offer. You can bring these into your introduction or add them to the list if they have not been already included.

What Is Loyalty?

Loyalty is devotion to a cause or a country because we believe in what it stands for. We show loyalty within our family circle because of the special ties which bind us to those whom we love. We are proved to be loyal citizens of the land which gave us birth because of the heritage we thus possess.

Loyalty to Christ is to be expected from all who have come into the family of God through faith in His redeeming blood and who acknowledge Him to be Lord of all. As "citizens of heaven" we are His representatives on earth. An ambassador who failed his country would bring shame and disgrace upon himself and his family. Such disloyalty could not be tolerated.

The children of Israel were God's chosen people, but they were not always loyal to the one true God of their father Abraham. Abraham, on the other hand, is described by Nehemiah as the man of the faithful heart (Nehemiah 9:7,8). He proved this on numerous occasions, but notably when put to the supreme test on Mount Moriah along with Isaac. His faith in God was such that he was prepared to sacrifice his own son, but God honored his faith and provided a substitute *(see Genesis 22:1-14).*

Loyalty to Christ makes great demands upon us. "He that loveth father or mother . . . son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37) and "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24) were two of Jesus' hardest sayings, but it is only the devotion described in these references which is worthy of the One who gave Himself for us. It is for such loyalty we must strive. How can we show our loyalty to Christ?

Here are four of the ways in which we can do this:

(1) *By honoring God's Word.* The Bible is still the world's best-selling book, but is it the best-read book by Christians? It is so easy in the busy rush of life to miss the quiet time when we get alone with God and His Word. Yet we do our best not to miss a favorite television or radio program. We try not to miss reading our favorite newspaper or magazine. The Christian Endeavor Daily Bible Readings provide a plan for us which have the advantage of being based upon the topic for the week. Use them; meditate upon them; let the Holy Spirit speak to you through them! These or some other systematic form of daily Bible reading are as essential to us as our daily bread.

When the famous Scottish author Sir Walter Scott lay dying, he called his faithful servant and asked him "to bring the Book." As his library contained thousands of volumes the servant naturally asked him, "Which book, master?" "There is only one book" was the dying man's reply, "God's holy Book." It is indeed above all other books for us, and we should give it a big place in our lives. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

(2) *By developing our gifts.* God has endowed us with differing talents, and these are to be used in His service. In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25: 14-30) the two servants who developed and made full use of what they had been given received the Master's "Well done, good and *faithful* servant," but the other servant was termed "unprofitable." This was not because he was a one-talent man, but because he had not used the one he had. Christ's Church needs men and women who will dedicate their all to the work of His kingdom. "Neither will I offer . . . unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (II Samuel 24:24).

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Matthew 16:24
Hymns: *The Church's One Foundation; We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:32-40
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Chorus: *Christian Endeavor*
Leader's Introduction
Topic Discussion
Closing Devotions
Benediction

(3) *By respecting the Lord's Day.* These lines are being penned as the writer is on holiday in the Islands of the Scottish Hebrides. Visitors to such parts are often amazed and sometimes critical of the fact that practically everything "shuts down" on Sundays. The islanders still call it "The Sabbath," and it is observed *by the whole population,* with very few exceptions, as a day of rest. The principal events are the services of worship among these God-fearing people, and as the church bells ring you can see whole families wending their way along the country roads to the house of God. The hustle and bustle of the mainland is absent—here it would seem possible to "take time to be holy." Elsewhere the tendency is to turn Sunday from being a holy day into a holiday. Men have become seekers of pleasure rather than seekers of God.

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Christians do, of course, recognize the special significance of the first day of the week, commemorating as it does the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but how much of the day do we regard as His? There is much to be said for *making* the whole day different, not just until after we have been to church. Use the extra leisure time it provides to read good books; have wholesome and helpful discussion on spiritual things; or go out in evangelistic endeavor, and in this way show our loyalty to Christ.

(4) *By maintaining our witness.* "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," said Jesus to His disciples, and His loyal twentieth-century follower is called upon to do likewise. There are many more Christians in the world than there were in the first century, but there are also many more pagans. The first-century Christians turned the world upside down. Is the world (and the devil) not turning too many young Christians upside down? The keen spiritual edge gets blunted, and the fires of enthusiasm for Christian witness get damped down. Although large numbers of people attend a place of worship on Sundays, there is a much greater number who never darken the door of a church. In spite of all our evangelistic endeavor in church or city-wide crusades there are still millions without Christ and therefore without hope in our land. "Christ is the answer," we sing lustily at rallies and conventions, but multitudes for whom He is *the* answer to their need have still failed to realize it. They don't come to church, but they do meet us in college or at work, or as we travel about. Do we by our lives and our witness commend the Gospel of our Saviour to them? Do they see anything Christlike in us? Sahdu Sundar Singh, the Indian mystic, on a visit to Great Britain stayed for a few days with a Christian family in London. He left to take an overnight journey after the little girl had gone to bed. Next morning, seeing he was absent from the breakfast table, she said to her mother, "Mummy, where has Jesus gone?" In maintaining a true witness wherever we go, we are showing our loyalty to Christ.

Loyalty to Christ's Church

There is another loyalty which has not yet been mentioned but which is right at the heart of this topic. It is the third of our Christian Endeavor principles—*Loyalty to Christ's Church.*

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word;
From Heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

The two are inseparable, and this is recognized in the Christian Endeavor motto: *For Christ and the Church.* If we are "For Christ," then it follows that we must also be "For His Church." The Church of Christ is not tied to a building or to a denomination, though they have their place. It is not just an organization; it is an organism—it has LIFE! Peter tells us in his first epistle that it is made up of living *(lively!)* stones and is a spiritual house with Christ the chief cornerstone (I Peter 2:5,6). We are no doubt proud of the branch of the Church to which we belong, but over and above that is the privilege of belonging to the great company of the redeemed—"not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ" (I Peter 1,18,19).

One doesn't do the church a favor by joining its fellowship—it is a high honor for us to become members of the Body of Christ. We are members one of another, and should one member falter then the whole body suffers just in the same way as our own body is less than 100% effective if we have a broken or injured limb.

How can Endeavorers be loyal to their own church? The answer to this question is simply stated—by supporting the church in every possible way. Here are some suggestions:

(1) Be regular in attendance at its services and prayer meetings.

(2) Pray daily for the minister and church leaders.

(3) Give of our money until it "hurts."

(4) Support its overseas missionary activities.

(5) Support its evangelistic activities.

(6) Volunteer for service in the departments where your talents can be used to best advantage.

(7) Refuse to join in idle gossip or unjust criticism concerning its work and witness.

(8) Interest those outside the church in its services and in the Gospel.

A critic of the Church once said to the Bishop of London, "Christianity has been tried for nearly 2000 years, and look at the state of the world after all this time." "My dear fellow," said the Bishop, "you are mistaken. Christianity has not *yet* been tried!"

Can this also be said of many within the Church? Are our churches as effective in their respective communities as they should be? Perhaps in our case we Endeavorers have not been living up to our motto. We have not always and at all times taken our stand "For Christ and the Church."

What a great and glorious privilege to belong to the Church of the living God! Our Lord laid down His life for us. We must give back our lives to Him. Our loyalty is to Him and the Church He founded. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10) was His promise to the church at Smyrna. May our faithfulness also bring the same reward to us!

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Do you recall how Michelangelo, the incomparable sculptor, could take a discarded block of marble, see in it a perfect image, and then chisel it out? This was something only a Michelangelo could do. And it is God alone Who is the Sculptor, the Potter, who sees in your broken life the image of His Son. He sees the possibilities and He has provided for that life most terribly broken. God deals in broken things, friend, and there is no limit to what He can and will do with the broken life that is given over wholly to Him.

Dwight Hervey Small in THE HIGH COST OF HOLY LIVING (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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Comments by James Murdoch of Scotland

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 11 A Man of a Faithful Heart Nehemiah 9:6-10
T. Jan. 12 Who Is Faithful? Luke 12:41-47
W. Jan. 13 Praise for Loyalty Matthew 25:14-23
T. Jan. 14 Loyal Witnesses Psalm 89:28-37
F. Jan. 15 Abidingly Loyal II Timothy 2:10-15
S. Jan. 16 Unto Death Revelation 2:8-10
Sun. Jan. 17—Topic: I Strive for Loyalty Matthew 10:32-40

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Topic 4 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Principles

I Fellowship with His People

Galatians 3:13-28

For Publicity

For a poster, these ideas might be used to illustrate this particular meeting. The city depicted in the Book of Revelation with its three gates on each side, North, South, East, and West, with people of different nations entering might be pictured. The gates could be made to represent the types of churches found in the Far East, Europe, Africa, India, and the West. With the approach of Christian Endeavor Day in mind, a poster depicting the growth of a world movement from the manse at Williston, Maine, or the church there might prove captivating.

Suggestions for the Leader

Since this topic stresses the international, interracial, and interdenominational character of Christian Endeavor, it will be necessary to show that this emphasis does not contradict in any way the principles embodied in the previous topic on loyalty to one's own church, the universal Church being indivisible by race, nation, or denomination.

If by visual aid the "inter" nature of Christian Endeavor could be depicted, this will be so much the better. Brief messages from Germany, India, Japan, Portugal, or Spain or reports of activities in these countries might be read during the meeting. Indications could be given of the methods used by the World's Union for fostering fellowship, e.g., World Conventions, Area Conferences, exchange programs, pen-friend schemes, etc.

The important teaching embodied in the theme of *Fellowship with Christ's People* is that of sharing. It is Christ's will that we share with others our redeemed selves, together with all the good things God has given us. This was the rich experience of the members of the early church, and in sharing Christ in this way the Church grew.

This topic is also in the nature of a preparation for Christian Endeavor Week, which is shortly to follow, in that we come to that time of thanksgiving with a picture of world Christian Endeavor emerging from the manse at Williston. This emergence, while not envisaged, was most natural when viewed against the background of the events of the early church.

Talks on the Topic

What Is Fellowship ?

The word "fellowship" means sharing. The German word for "fellowship" is very expressive and brings out the meaning much more clearly. "Gemeinschaft" means having or holding things commonly, i.e., in a community. This was exactly the experience of the early church, and it is not without significance that the Senior Department of the German Christian Endeavor Movement has adopted the word for its designation.

We read of the early Christians, "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Those who had a rich experience of Christ shared Him wholly with those who had not the privilege of knowing Him in the flesh. They communicated His teaching; they diffused the fragrance of His Presence and the compassion of His Being. Every feast was a "love feast," for they broke bread from house to house. This form of "love feast" is still observed in some churches, the members breaking bread and sharing it with others, and at the same time breaking the news of their experiences with Christ. In Acts 2:44,45 we note how complete was the sense of obligation to fellowship on the part of the early church. There was a real sense of belonging one to the other, of having a responsibility for the needs of others.

Fellowship is a privilege we enjoy in the church. Its benefits are too precious to its life and growth to think of its being restricted in any way. Christian Endeavor has had a natural growth into ecumenicity. Through its international relationships it has learned to appreciate the vital contributions made by every branch of the ecumenical Church. One cannot compute how far the experience of John Wesley with the Moravian Brethren led to his experience in Aldersgate Street when he felt his heart "strangely warmed" and to the ultimate formation of one of the strongest branches of the universal Church.

Fellowship and Responsibility

Privileges have corresponding responsibilities. This, as we have noted, the early church recognized. In Christian Endeavor we try to inculcate this recognition by indicating spheres where the strong may help the weak. Pennsylvania sees and responds to a need in India. German Christian Endeavorers take up a Christmas thank-offering each year to help where it is most needed. The British Christian Endeavour Union supports India and Pakistan. The world Church unites to feed and clothe the starving

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*
Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:13-28
Chain of Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer
Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*
Announcements and Offering
Talks on the Topic
Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie*
Discussion
Hymn: *There's a New Day Dawning*
Closing Prayer
Mizpah Benediction

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millions. The local Christian Endeavor Society, through its Sunshine Committee, has abounding scope in this fellowship of responsibility.

Perhaps the most effective challenge to any materialistic ideology is the offer of Christian fellowship in all its fulness to dissatisfied people. For we offer not only the bread which perishes, but we offer also Him who abides forever—Christ, the Bread of Life.

The Motive for Fellowship

Why do we have fellowship with people? Is there at any time an ulterior motive? Do we seek the praise and favor of men? Are we hoping to gain some material benefit? Whom do we seek to serve—ourselves or Christ?

In Christian Endeavor Christ is supreme. We rely upon His promises, and in return we pledge ourselves to do "whatever He would like to have me do." Through our Bible reading and prayer we have experienced fellowship with Him, and like the early apostles there are those who are hungry for a revelation of Him. Remembering Christ's injunction to Peter by the Sea of Tiberias "Feed my lambs," we know His will for us. He gave Himself for us, and we are challenged to give our ransomed powers—mind, body, and spirit—to our age.

How necessary it is that we should take advantage of every good means to fit ourselves for service as members of the church and as Christian citizens, so that we have something of true value to share with others. "Iron sharpeneth iron"; knowledge in things pertaining to the Gospel and of social and international problems of our age equips for effective service to the age.

Lessons Learned in Fellowship

Among the regrettable experiences of the Christian Church have been the events issuing from intolerance. This has led to schism, persecution, inquisitions, and open conflict. Moves for church unity are often spoken of as being a subterfuge on the part of a section of the Church to gain greater power. In Christian Endeavor we have learned to have respect for other people's beliefs and moreover have recognized the valuable contributions made to the effective working of the Church of Jesus Christ on the part of believers of many persuasions.

Thinking of this we are reminded that almost from its inception Christian Endeavor has been an ecumenical movement. The moves today toward church unity have long been accomplished by Christian Endeavor quite naturally. Our experience is like that of an Indian Christian who, when asked "To which church do you belong?" replied, "The Christian Church."

It is always illuminating to look through a hymnal and see the universal contributions written to the praise of the Godhead. "God is no respecter of persons." We learn how necessary it is for all to play their part and for their service to be recognized by all if the Church is to be effective in its witness, and it will only be militant and triumphant in unity. As Aggrey, the African teacher, declared, "You can play a tune on the white notes, and you can play a tune on the black notes, but to get perfect harmony black and white must be played together."

Differences are recognized. For instance, the distinguished features of a Quaker meeting and a Lutheran service are obvious, but we value the emphasis in the one of waiting for the movement of the Holy Spirit and in the other the dignity of ordered worship, both moved by the same Spirit. The glory of the ecumenical Church is its unity in diversity. We need to study far more the history of facets of the Christian Church other than that of our own denomination in order to appreciate the varying contributions they have to make.

The perfect Fellowship is that which Jesus enjoyed in communion with the Father (communion is another word for fellowship). This perfect fellowship, this oneness, Jesus desired for His disciples when He prayed to the Father that petition of intercession just before He crossed the brook Kedron into Gethsemane. Jesus valued the fellowship of His disciples. When some followers began to leave Him, He asked, "Will ye also go away?" And in the hour of awful loneliness in the Garden of Gethsemane He pleaded, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" He longed for, and still longs for, the fellowship of His people, and our desire for fellowship should be for the same supreme purpose of meeting Him in concert with others.

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O God our Father, throned on high,
Enrobed in ageless splendor,
To Thee, in awe and love and joy,
Ourselves we would surrender,
To life obedient to Thy will
As servants to each other,
And show our faithfulness to Thee
By love to one another.

To serve by love! O teach us how;
Be this our great vocation—
To comfort grief, to seek the lost
With message of salvation;
In loving may our full hearts beat,
Our words be wise and winning;
In helping others may our joy
Have ever new beginning.

Thee, Lord, for Thy dear Son we bless;
His heart for us was broken;
O Love! upon the bitter cross
Thy deepest word was spoken;
The echo of that word is heard
In love for every brother,
And test we, Lord, our love for Thee,
By loving one another.

—George T. Coster

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Comments by William J. Sharpe of England

Questions for Discussion

1. Suggest ways of increasing opportunities for world fellowship in Christian Endeavor.

2. With all the differences of expression of the Christian faith, how can it be said that "ye are all one in Christ Jesus"?

3. Is there any sense in which the membership of Communism is more impressive than fellowship with the Church of Jesus Christ?

4. "I fellowship with Christ's people." Why? For social purposes only? What other reasons are there for Christian fellowship?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 18 Continuing Steadfastly in Fellowship Acts 2:40-43
T. Jan. 19 Fellowship of Responsibility Acts 2:44-47
W. Jan. 20 The Lord Working with Them Mark 16:15-20
T. Jan. 21 Fellowship in the Gospel Philippians 1:1-7
F. Jan. 22 Fellowship of Service II Corinthians 8:1-7
S. Jan. 23 Fellowship with Man and God I John 1:1-10
Sun. Jan. 24—Topic: I Fellowship with His People Galatians 3:13-28

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Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Endeavor Week

My All for Christ

(Denominational Day—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

Luke 14:16-27; 5:1-11

Flight Plan

(Suggested Program)

Chorus Countdown (10 short choruses, e.g., *Count Your Blessings*)
Blast off: Colossians 1:16-18
Hymn: *To God Be the Glory*
Flight Instructions (Matthew 5:1-11)
Space Communications (Prayer Session)
Moon News (Announcements)
Space Fares (Offering)
Crew Briefing (Topic Presentation)
Moon Shots (Slides)
Interviews: Moon man interviews four crew members:
1. Intellectual
2. Physical
3. Emotional
4. Abilities

Pilot's Summary (Leader's Conclusion)
Hymn: *Take My Life*
Landing (Mizpah Benediction)

Publicity

Prepare posters depicting moon rockets and astronauts to publicize the meeting. The posters could have the question "My all for the moon?" together with the date, place, and time of "blast-off."

Invitations

Special invitations could be posted to all interested persons in the form of a "space order" marked TOP SECRET. The "space order" would advise the persons they are members of the crew of the first manned moon rocket and "order" them to report to the launching pad, i.e., meeting.

To the Leader

Arrange the meeting room to simulate the cabin of a moon rocket, e.g., chairs in formation with center aisle, green cellophane over lights and windows to give "space" atmosphere, and slide screen at head of meeting room facing passengers and crew. Commence the meeting with a chorus countdown, numbering 9,8,7,6, etc. Use a tape recording or record to give sound effects of a rocket blast-off. Assign crew functions to various persons taking part in the program, for example, pilot, co-pilot, navigator, engineer, radar operator. Prior to the landing on the moon, flash the moon slides taken in August 1963 on the screen to give the effect of space travel.

Upon landing the crew might meet a "moon man" who questions the four crewmen in succession concerning the topic subheadings. The answers below require expansion and illustration, e.g., Question: "Who are you?" Answer: "Christians." Q. "What is a Christian?" A. "One who has accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and then seeks to serve Him." Q. 1. "How do you serve Christ with your intellect?" A. "School, college, university." Q. 2. "How do you serve Christ with your physical powers?" A. "Service projects, sports, etc." Q. 3. "How do you serve Christ with your emotions?" A. "Dating, engagement, marriage, etc." Q. 4. "How do you serve Christ with your abilities?" A. "Church, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, community, etc."

Crew Briefing

In this space age we are called to give ourselves completely to the "cosmic" Christ. As an astronaut or "moon pilot" is required to give himself completely to the task, so must every Christian. *(Read Luke 14:16-27 and/or Luke 5:1-11.)*

Interviews

Intellectual Capacity: A potential astronaut is required to spend hundreds of hours in the study of space travel, rocket systems, etc. A Christian should seek knowledge not with the desire for power over others or for wealth, but to be of greater service for Jesus Christ—dedicating our intellect to Jesus Christ, increasing our knowledge of the Bible, becoming able to give a reason for our faith, memorizing helpful Bible verses, using our intellect to further the cause of Christ. He should seek answers to the following questions: How to be more effective witnesses? How to make the Christian faith more relevant to modern society? How to communicate the Gospel?

Physical Powers: A leading Soviet scientist said recently, "In the realization of space flight, the biological factors, the man, his health, his endurance, will be of vital importance." Each astronaut is required and willing to undergo the most stringent physical tests, hours of simulated flight in artificial satellites, experiencing weightlessness, spinning and turning, while limited to a very small area of movement.

Are we prepared to give our physical powers in the service of Jesus Christ? Are we prepared to go the extra mile? "My *all* for Christ?" We must be not only praying Christians, but also working, serving Christians. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

Emotional Capacities: Each astronaut is expected to function under tremendous emotional strain. He must be able to undergo the strain of blast-off and hours of loneliness during the 45,000 mile journey to the moon, able to keep functioning clearly and logically in the event of some mechanical breakdown. Thus, the astronaut needs to be unreservedly dedicated to the task at hand and completely in control of his emotions. Are we dedicated 100% to the cause of Christ? Have we given Him *all* our love and affection? Is Jesus Christ

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in control of our emotions? Have we opened the door of our heart (Revelation 3:20) and invited Jesus Christ to enter and take control?

Abilities: A space scientist remarked, "Piloting a space ship and other operations will demand not merely detailed knowledge, but also great skill." The astronaut must give himself completely to the task. He draws on all his previous flying experience and skills such as navigational, scientific, mathematical, etc. As Christians we are required to be good stewards of our talents, for Christ and the Church. We must bring whatever talents and skills we may possess, whether great or small, and present them to Jesus Christ (Romans 12:1). Carefully examine the program of your church and community for ways to serve Jesus Christ. Use the following suggestions as a check-list: visitation of sick and new families, taped sermons for shut-ins, hospital visitation, counseling, transportation to Christian Endeavor and church, baby sitting, choir, typing church bulletin or paper, posters, publicity, property maintenance, decorations, Sunday School teaching, youth leadership.

Pilot's Summary

In 1963 a million boys and girls of Ghana, a new African nation, were organized into a Young Pioneers Movement and, marching in uniform, were taught to chant, "Nkrumah is our leader, Nkrumah is our messiah, Nkrumah never dies." Kwame Nkrumah is the enigmatic Marxist dictator of Ghana, the self-styled Lenin of Africa. Nkrumah is following the pattern set by other dictators of this era—Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin.

The youth of the world—Chinese, African, Russian, American—are being challenged and given a "war cry." Youth of Communist countries, of new African nations, of divided Southeast Asia, of South America are being trained and indoctrinated with this cry on their lips, "My all for Communism!" Youth of many nations are being challenged as in Ghana to give themselves completely to their "leader," "redeemer," or "saviour." In Egypt "My all for Nasser", in Indonesia "My all for Sukarno," in Cuba "My all for Castro."

Youth of Western nations are being challenged to give themselves to materialism, the soul-destroying, dominating desire for wealth, power, and prestige. Youth are also being challenged to give themselves to science in this space age. Millions of dollars are being spent in the current space race. The cream of the youth of the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. are being challenged to give their lives in the cause of science and national prestige. Many are longing to be the first man to stand upon the moon. They are prepared to undergo the most stringent tests and training—"My all for the moon!"

The shout rising from the lips of millions of Christian young people should be "My all for Christ!" It is a question of priorities. What or *who* comes FIRST in my life? Self? Others? Christ? The late President John F. Kennedy made a very striking challenge during his inaugural speech. He said, "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." In a similar manner this topic *My All for Christ* is a challenge to each one of us. "And so, my fellow Christions, ask not what Christian Endeavor can do for you; ask what you can do for Christ and the Church through Christian Endeavor." MY ALL FOR CHRIST!

Resource Material

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK

(For the attention of the society's counselor and its officers)

This topic *My All for Christ* is the theme for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week, which begins today. Loyalty to Christ should be emphasized by and for youth throughout the services of the day and the week.

In keeping with this topic and the week's theme, your society's Missionary Committee might plan or assist in preparing a summary of the missionary program which your church supports at home and abroad. This could be given during the morning or evening service of the congregation, and youth could be challenged to commit their lives to specialized Christian service in the ministry or on the mission field.

Is your society planning several special events during Christian Endeavor Week? Tuesday, February 2, is the movement's 84th birthday and should be observed with a prayer service or a birthday banquet. Perhaps you will have the traditional banquet later in the week. Urge all Christian Endeavorers to attend and receive a special offering for the worldwide work of the movement.

Next Sunday, February 7, is Christian Endeavor Day. Urge all your members to attend and to participate in the morning services of study and worship. Be sure that careful preparations are made for a consecration service during your Christian Endeavor meeting. Plan to challenge all youth to a renewed dedication to live daily for Christ. This would be an excellent time to use the folder "Life's Greatest Decisions."

A Prayer

Dear Father, make me useful.
It is my prayer above all else.
I ask not honor, or human power, or great skill.
I ask not for any single glory which shall make men wonder.
I only ask that I may use all Thou hast given me, and use it for Thy glory and the good of my fellows.
O, may I know myself, and use myself, and control myself so that my education may be pleasing to Thee.
O, may I see human need, and feel for it, that my life may be profitable.
Let no poor humility hold me back from service.
Let no foolish pride spoil my work.
But in all things may I seek to please Thee, in all things seek to grow like Thee, O my Christ, my Guide, my Friend.

Amen.

—Floyd W. Tomkins

Comments by Rev. Frederick J. Nile of Australia

Daily Bible Readings

M. Jan. 25 Seek God with All Thy Heart Psalm 119:10-16
T. Jan. 26 Doing God's Will Psalm 40:1-8
W. Jan. 27 Serve God Only Luke 4:5-8
T. Jan. 28 Serve God with Possessions Malachi 2:8-11
F. Jan. 29 Glorify God with the Mind Romans 15:1-7
S. Jan. 30 Serve God with the Whole Life Mark 12:28-31
Sun. Jan. 31—Topic: My All for Christ Luke 14:16-27; 5:1-11
(Denominational Day—Beginning Christian Endeavor Week)

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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for January

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Timothy J. Kribs, chairman; Rev. R. P. Carter, Wanna Sell, and Mrs. Roger D. Vander Kolk.

Stewardship (two topics)

1. God's Portion

Malachi 3:6-12; I Corinthians 16:1-4

All through the Bible robbery is condemned. The Law said, "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15). The sin of Achan (Joshua 7) was stealing. Jesus was crucified between two robbers, showing that those who crucified Jesus wanted to destroy robbery, too. Yet many today are robbing God by failure to bring God's portion—their tithes and offerings—into the storehouse. God promises that when we cease robbing Him, He will bless us. In II Corinthians 9:8 we learn that God has the ability to keep His promise. What is the difference between a tithe and an offering? Why are both mentioned? Is it possible to rob God of something other than money? If so, what and how? Secure *What Is the Tenth Legion?* folders from the International Society.

2. Salvation Involves Self-Giving

Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 10:29-37; 16:19-31

Jesus did most of His teaching in parables. They reveal much about life here and hereafter. They show the necessity of our giving of our time, talents, and possessions to God. For instance, the parable of The Last Judgment (Matthew 25) shows that our salvation demands the fullest use of our time, talents, and possessions. Illustrate how each of these is involved in this parable. Notice also how all of these are involved in the parable of the Good Samaritan—he took time, he used his ability to minister to the victim, he used his animal and money to care for the victim. Apparently the selfishness of the Rich Man in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus was one reason he was deprived of salvation. Ask the question, "Are you merely generous or self-giving?"

Standards of Conduct (two topics)

1. Who Is Your Conductor?

Joshua 24:14-24; Galatians 5:22-24

A great orchestra would be helpless without a conductor to direct the individual musicians. Our homes, like our lives, must have a guide to give direction to our actions. Sometimes we find it more difficult to act as a Christian within the home. When we make Jesus Christ Lord of all, this also includes our attitudes and actions at home. We need to always follow His leading. Christ Jesus is God's example for us of how we should always conduct ourselves. If, even at home, we will always compare our conduct with what Jesus would have us do, the peace that He came to bring will constantly be ours. A consistent Christian life is a life that shows forth the fruit of the Spirit to those in the home as well as to those outside the family circle. Let's make Christ our Conductor and follow in His way.

2. The Basis of Conduct

I Corinthians 43; Ephesians 6:1-4

Most of the decisions we make from day to day are not simply lucky guesses, but are based upon an underlying goal and past experiences. So it is with the manner in which we conduct ourselves. When the love of Christ controls us, our conduct at home and elsewhere will reflect that love. When there is not love in individual lives, the home is not lovely as God intended it to be. What does Paul mean in Ephesians 6:4? How can we heed his admonition? Do we realize that our conduct at home is also a witness for or against Christ? How can conduct that is inconsistent with the beliefs we teach our families affect children in the home? Can such conduct help plant the seeds of delinquency?

Christian Endeavor (two topics)

1. Togetherness or Fellowship?

I Corinthians 10:20; Philippians 1:1-6, 2:1,2

Togetherness is an overworked word. But the concept of togetherness seems vital to our society. Our basic principle, fellowship, has similarities to the word togetherness. Often these words are used interchangeably. Should they be? Doesn't fellowship imply more than doing a project together, drinking coffee with friends, or washing dishes as a family? Fellowship is more than a good time. It is more than playing games. There are many Scripture references on fellowship; these could be studied. The Greek word used in the New Testament for fellowship, *koinonia,* could also be studied with the help of the pastor. Are there good kinds and bad kinds of fellowship for the Christian? How can fellowship be made meaningful in the society?

Note: The second topic in this series will appear in the January 1965 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

TOPICS FOR APRIL, MAY, and JUNE

To help Young Adult and Adult groups select leaders and plan ahead for weekly meetings, here are the topics scheduled to appear in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD for use during the months of April through June 1965.

Being a Christian (three topics)

1. **Attitudes: Christ's or Mine?** — Philippians 2:1-11; 4:8 (how to know Christ's way and determine attitudes accordingly
2. **Life: Triumph or Drudgery?** — Luke 19:28-40; Romans 8:37 (turning humdrum daily life into victorious Christian living)
3. **Death: A Highway or a Dead End?** — I Corinthians 15 (how to live a resurrected Christian life and prepare for death)

Personality Problems (two topics)

1. **The Others around Us** — Mark 12:28-31; John 15:12-27 (necessity for the Christian to be involved in the lives of those around him)
2. **Do You Ever Ask Why?** — Matthew 12:37; Mark 14:66-72 (reactions to others are evidence of innermost personality)

Guidance of Children (two topics)

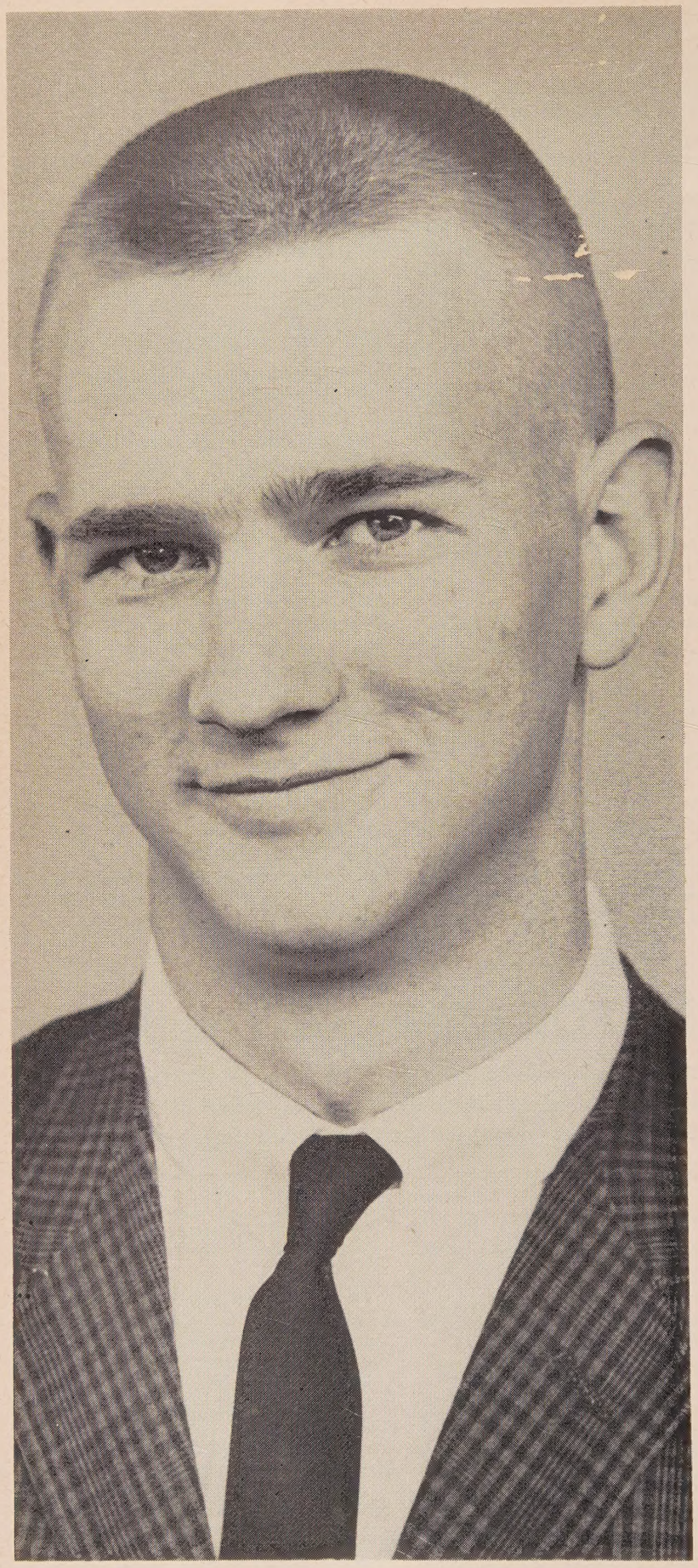
1. **Life Begins with Love** — Luke 11:32; John 15:12-14; 3:16; I Corinthians 13 (exploring the meaning of love and learning how Christian young adults can prepare to give their children a mature Christian love)
2. **In the Nurture and Discipline of the Lord** — Ephesians 6:1-4; Deuteronomy 6:1-7; Psalm 78:1-7 (parental responsibilities for guiding children)

Visitation Evangelism (two topics)

1. **House to House** — Luke 10:1-24; Acts 20:17-21 (the value and necessity for the personal approach in the witness of the Church of Jesus Christ)
2. **Operation Doorbell!** — Luke 14:12-24 (a practical visitation evangelism project)

Leadership Education (two topics)

1. **What's Reasonable Service?** — I Chronicles 29:1-5; Romans 12:1; Luke 10:29-37 (standards to help the Christian adult choose where he will serve)
2. **Practical Experiences** — II Timothy 1:5-11; Psalm 96:1-10 (sharing talents with others and developing leadership ability)



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